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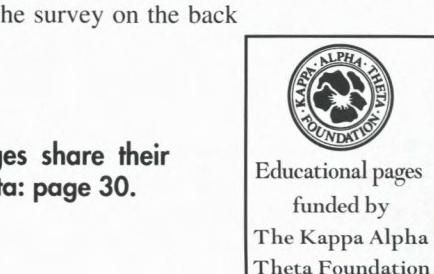
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Time Out!

Have you ever just wanted to stop the world for a week, just long enough for you to catch up with it?

I'm not the only one who feels that way. Everywhere around me I hear people saying the same sort of thing: The world seems to be moving faster and faster. Where's time gone? This week just flew by. What happened to the year?

Time does seem to be going more quickly, doesn't it? But since we all know that a minute is still 60 seconds and last time I checked there were still 365 days in a year, it must be us. We're moving faster, doing more. Expectations are higher. It's an increasingly "global" world. Technology is changing quicker than ever. We live in a world filled with drive-through restaurants, car phones, voice mail, modems and faxes.

All that is good, right? I admit, I've grown accustomed to sending articles via modem, and I'm becoming addicted to my E-mail. It all makes my job possible and better. So why doesn't it all feel easier?

I met a man on a plane the other day. He was very nice and we had talked for more than 15 minutes before I learned he was returning from attending his mother's funeral. He was going home to quit his job. It isn't a bad job and it pays well. But he works 12 hour days and he has a wife and two children. It hit him right in the face: Life is short. What's really important to accomplish in that lifetime?

We all have to set priorities, but unfortunately sometimes relegated to the last are the things we and the world really

need. Time to bake cookies with a child. Time to read, not just the newspaper, but magazine articles, maybe even a book?! Time to discuss that book, to go to Sunday School, to have good friends over for dinner, to visit someone who is sick or in a nursing home, to plant flowers, to write letters, to remember Theta.

Theta membership is one of those valuable life experiences worth taking a little time. The Fraternity is trying to keep pace with the demands that are placed on all members — collegians and alumnae. But we need your help. In order to be responsive, we need your responses.

We need you to complete the Fraternity Survey that begins on the back cover of this issue. We need you to continue to respond to the "Perspective" columns, which deal with Fraternity issues (See page 8.) and to let us know what you think via the "Letters" column on page 5. We need you to volunteer for Kappa Alpha Theta. If you can't do all of the above right now, do one. Do the Fraternity Survey. It will be used to help make important decisions about the future of Kappa Alpha Theta. You can even fax it to us!

In the "Faces of Theta" article on page 24, alumna Kathleen Fetzer expresses the simple truth that today's Theta collegians need alumnae volunteers to provide them with the same sort of support those alumnae received when they were collegians.

If we don't give back to Theta, we break a very positive and worthwhile chain of support for women. All the fast-moving technology in the world can't fix that.

Loyally,

Susan Holloway
Editor



LETTERS

Sizing Up Eating Disorders

I just received the article on eating disorders and wanted you to know that I thought it was great. It was very interesting and full of real information. Good job! Thanks for helping spread the news about eating disorders. I have found them an issue on many campuses.

Judy Nagai
Chapter Consultant

I wanted to write and thank you for the article entitled "The Measure of a Woman: Sizing Up Eating Disorders" (Winter 1993-94). As a recent graduate, I can definitely attest to the fact that eating disorders are running rampant through the sorority system. Personally, it has taken me many agonizing conversations with concerned friends, emotional therapy sessions and numerous books and articles to finally admit to the fact that I had a dangerous relationship with food and exercise during college. I can't say now that I never think about my weight or what I eat, but my mindset has definitely changed for the healthier.

It is my hope that articles like this, which are straightforward, clear, educational and eye-opening, will help women see that it is our right and privilege to be truly comfortable with ourselves. If you feel trapped, please don't let another day go by when you think only of food or how much you weigh. We have too much to do, to learn and, most importantly, to teach to each other.

Kristen March
Tau/Northwestern

I read with great interest and empathy your article, "The Measure of a Woman." Your words impart a sense of how widespread the problem of eating disorders have now become, especially on today's college campuses. I, myself, suffered from an eating disorder for ten years, and my college days were particularly difficult. Not only are young collegiate women under pressure to succeed academically, they are under additional pressure to conform and be accepted socially...I am very pleased that Theta is at last taking a proactive stance to help young women afflicted with eating disorders and I encourage members and advisors to address the problem, rather than

ignore it. These young women need all the love and support we can provide.

Stacy Robinson McCullough
Omega/UC Berkeley

I am writing in response to the article, "The Measure of a Woman," concerning the growing number of eating disorders among college women. I was shocked and amazed at the quote given by Bravard that parents should set limitations on their daughters due to the disorder and even restrict certain activities. No one, especially a parent, should give messages to a young woman that she is "bad" or behaving in an awful, absurd manner. One should support and love a person suffering from a disorder and understand even when a relapse occurs. Bulimia and anorexia are highly misunderstood by society, and it frightens me that an uninformed parent could read that quote and enact a punishment-reward system on their daughter. It is time for people to become informed and reach out to victims.

Anne McElroy
College Station, Texas

Editor's Note: Following is a response from Susan Bravard, coordinator of the St. Vincent Stress Center's Eating Disorders Day Therapy Program in Indianapolis, who was quoted in the article on eating disorders.

"I fully agree with Ms. McElroy's emphasis on the need for support and love of those with eating disorders. It is important to be clear to a young woman that *she* is loved and accepted unconditionally, but it is also important not to reinforce her destructive behavior. In working with young people with addictions or eating disorders, it is a clinically accepted focus to avoid co-dependency. Parents can set limits to discourage negative behavior without withholding love and acceptance. It is helpful to do this in a treatment setting with a counselor who has expertise in dealing with eating disorders."

Good Stuff!

It takes a while for me to sit down and read through all of the fraternity and sorority magazines that come my way...but every so often something delightful and substantive pops out and it's all worthwhile. That is the case of the Autumn 1993 issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, particularly (Sue Supple's) ar-

title "Beyond 2000." Good stuff! As evidence, I'll no doubt be quoting from it during the coming year. Congratulations, too, to Susan Holloway, Susan Deig and Luci Jackson for an excellent publication.

Erv Johnson
Director of Communications
Editor, *The Beta Theta Pi*

In October 1992, the Albuquerque and Santa Fe alumnae members visited the Fenn Gallery for a tour with Glenna Goodacre. We were thrilled to find that both of our tour guides were Thetas — Glenna (Colorado) and Merry Walker (University of Virginia)...Again, I must compliment you and the staff on the outstanding quality of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. Your work is creative, balanced, informative and a delight to each of us. Please know we really do appreciate you out here in Theta-land!

Sue A. Hutchison
Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter President

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Glenna Goodacre, Beta Omega/Colorado, describes the creation of her Vietnam Women's Memorial bronze sculpture during a tour of the Fenn Gallery in New Mexico, for Santa Fe and Albuquerque Theta alumnae. Says Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter President Sue A. Hutchison, "(Glenna) was gracious, amazed at the Theta interest in her and...presented a delightful personal tour for the Santa Fe and Albuquerque alumnae." Goodacre was profiled in the Winter 1993-94 issue of the Magazine ("Touching Hearts With Hands That Shape" page 45).



LETTERS

Thank you for including "Perspectives" in the last two issues of the magazine. This is the first effort I have seen to seek out the opinion of the general membership of the Fraternity outside of the "official family."

It is always nice to be asked what you think. I believe that this type of communication and feedback will strengthen our organization.

Amy Hayner
Alpha Phi/Newcomb-Tulane

Readers Encourage Diversity and Support

I am writing in response to the letter from Mona Miller in your Winter 1993-94 issue (LETTERS, page 5). Contrary to Ms. Miller's opinion, I would like to praise *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* for applauding the Theta representatives who attended the Campus Crusade for Christ conference (SNAPSHOTS Autumn 1993). It is because members of Theta, both collegians and alumnae, represent a broad range of political beliefs, ethnic cultures and religions that I can find no fault in heralding the ladies' attendance of this leadership seminar. I am saddened that the same tolerance given to all other political beliefs and religions is not extended to the Christian conservative. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will continue to report such noteworthy news.

Sheri Grimes
Gamma Omega/Auburn University

As horrified as Mona V. Miller must have been when she saw SNAPSHOTS, it could not possibly compare to my disappointment in her letter blasting another organization. Regardless of her opinion or mine of an organization, some discretion should be used in slinging such slanderous phrases as "extremist," "anti-democratic," and "anti-pluralistic"...*The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* is not intended to be a forum for establishing religious beliefs or political policies. Its focus instead is to disseminate information that is significant for the actives, alumnae and their interests and activities. Should a disclaimer have to be placed on the cover: "The activities of individuals depicted and articles included in this magazine do not necessarily reflect every

members' beliefs nor are they to be considered to be the foundation of Theta principles." I sincerely hope not.

Alana Mason Love
Epsilon Nu/Virginia Tech

I was hurt and dismayed to read a letter describing an organization which provided me with much love and guidance during college described as "extremist,"...Ms. Miller never substantiates any of her slander with facts, so I am left to assume that behind these harsh words lies an unpleasant and atypical encounter with someone associated with the organization Campus Crusade for Christ.

During my four year experience with CCC (a group of 200 students and a handful of staff more ethnically and racially diverse than our entire sorority row), I learned how to share my faith in Christ in a respectful manner. I also learned through my mentor, a CCC staff member and Theta alumna, the importance of holding fast to values such as purity, compassion and service — values certainly in harmony with Theta ideals.

While Ms. Miller's slur against CCC is offensive, I am even more troubled by her assertion that showing a photo of Thetas at a conference suggests that "Theta implicitly approves of or encourages the expansion of" one religion. I take no offense when Thetas with political beliefs different from mine are highlighted in our magazine. On the contrary, I read with pride and interest about their views and accomplishments...Surely tolerance does not imply hiding or silencing our differences, but respectfully sharing where we come from and how we see the world, for the enrichment and enjoyment of all our Theta sisters.

Jacqueline Cobb Fuller
Beta Xi/UCLA

Jenifer Amling Wrigley truthfully states, "If diversity is to be promoted, then all points of view must be a part of that diversity." (LETTERS Winter 1993-94). Many who claim to be diverse do not accept the viewpoint of those with whom they disagree, thereby contradicting themselves.

As one of many Theta alumnae on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ, I was offended by Mona V. Miller's letter, just above Ms. Wrigley's. In 1989 alone, I and about 20 Theta alumnae of all ages joined CCC staff...My family, including my

Theta mother-in-law, thought Ms. Miller used strongly antagonistic language stating that she was "horrified...that Kappa Alpha Theta representatives were among those attending a Campus Crusade for Christ conference" and "That Theta would participate in such an organization's activities — and trumpet that participation in its national magazine."

The SNAPSHOTS (Autumn 1993) article to which she refers does not "suggest that Theta implicitly approves of or encourages the expansion of any one religion or political opinion." It merely states that 20 Theta collegians, along with 530 other Greeks, attended the conference. No one was forced to attend. Each chose to participate. As a collegian, I enjoyed CCC's Greek conferences immensely, and the behavior encouraged and displayed at them was much more constructive than may other Greek-related activities. In addition, I have maintained friendships that began eight years ago as a result of attending them...

I question (Miller's) definitions of "democratic" and "pluralistic." Our staff and student friends consider themselves to be pro-democratic, and CCC, as an international organization, is pluralistic in the sense that its staff and student participants come from all kinds of ethnic backgrounds and countries, including myself. (I am ethnic Chinese.) (Ms. Miller's) statement contradicts itself...

Betsy Lee Musgrave
Alpha Gamma/Ohio State

I write in response to a letter from Mona V. Miller who was "horrified" that Kappa Alpha Thetas attended a Campus Crusade for Christ conference. I realize that it is sometimes difficult to see people espousing causes which we find unacceptable, but putting up with diverse beliefs is simply a fact of being part of a large group...What really concerns me is that an alumna would heap such scathing criticism on collegians who are focusing on positive things, whether Ms. Miller approves of those things or not. And these are not just any collegians, these are Theta sisters, whose heritage should be our love and support...Let's show more positive support for collegians developing their own foundations and less concern when their beliefs do not mirror our own. Walk in love, girls.

Alleen Cater
Delta Xi/North Carolina



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Theta Wants Whole Story on Hazing

I have a question. I believe that either in the August or September issue of *Glamour* magazine, there was a small half page article on sorority hazing. *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* was the only source quoted and Theta was the only specific sorority mentioned. This quote was totally taken out of context and could be damaging to Theta's reputation. Has anyone taken steps to contact someone at *Glamour*? If not, I believe that someone should.

Jennifer Tracy
Gamma Zeta/Connecticut

Editor's Note: Glamour reported that "a number of readers" wrote in response to their October 1993 article "the Dangerous Reality of Sorority Hazing." Following are two letters they received:

I commend the October 1993 issue of *Glamour* on its efforts to make people aware of the dangers of sorority hazing. However I object to the fact that only the negatives were mentioned. No mention was made of the campaign the women's Greek-letter organizations are waging to stop hazing. An excerpt from *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, taken out of context, cited only an example of hazing. There was no indication that chapters were on probation for hazing practices, nor that the article was part of an extensive educational effort on the part of the international organization to make sure such incidents would not be repeated. One example is the orientation program for new members. We no longer use the term pledges and have alleviated the two-tier membership status, which can result in hazing. Let's have the whole story next time!

Sue F. Supple
Director of Communications
Kappa Alpha Theta

Dear Glamour: I am writing in regard to the article in your October 1993 issue, entitled "The Dangerous Reality of Sorority Hazing." As president of the Alpha Mu Chapter at the University of Missouri, I was personally offended by the light in which Kappa Alpha Theta was portrayed.

The article cited a three-year-old story from our *Magazine* which describes an

incident of hazing on a campus. You failed to contact anyone to find out how we operate today, though. The organization has gone to great lengths to abolish hazing since that time. We have made the dramatic change of abolishing our semester-long pledge program. Instead, our new members go through a four-week training period — free of hazing — in which they learn about our history, organization and ritual. We also have educational videos and a hotline number for any member that feels she has been demeaned in any way.

I also found it disturbing that you mentioned any sorority names. I agree that hazing is a pervasive problem, which must be addressed. But by mentioning names, you took the focus away from the real issue of hazing.

The Alpha Mu Chapter and Kappa Alpha Theta nationally, believe in developing women as intellectuals, leaders and good citizens.

Sororities today provide an excellent opportunity to develop college undergraduates into successful women. I would like to suggest that you write an article in your next issue examining this aspect of a sorority.

Diane Kelly
Alpha Mu/Missouri

Corrections and Additions

The Beta Theta/Idaho scholarships announced in the Winter 1993-94 Magazine (SNAPSHOTS page 13) were mistakenly listed as available from Beta Eta Chapter. We regret the error. (See page 13 of this issue for complete information.)

The photograph of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, pictured in the Glenna Goodacre profile on page 47 of the Winter 1993-94 Magazine ("Touching Hearts with Hands that Shape"), was taken by Dan Anthony. The photo of the flooded Midwest on page 16 of the Winter 1993-94 issue was taken by alumna Shirley Weaver Blaul, Gamma Pi/Iowa State. Photo credits were inadvertently omitted.



PERSPECTIVE

Where has our pledge program gone?

"Module"..."journals"..."DISC"..."mentors." What do these words have in common with Kappa Alpha Theta? How about "orientation"..."new members"..."values"..."Not For Ourselves Alone"?

Where has our "pledge" program gone?

In 1991-1992, we introduced a new Balanced Woman Member Education Program to provide on-going education to collegiate members. Four areas — orientation, health maintenance, leadership skills and Theta heritage — were formatted in modules or major theme areas.

Not For Ourselves Alone, the member orientation module, was designed to be a four-week program that would bring new members into the chapter immediately, ask them to make a personal commitment to the values of Kappa Alpha Theta and ignite a life-long desire to learn about the Fraternity. It is composed of four topics: "Historically Speaking," "Let's Take a Stand" (Kappa Alpha Theta policies and position statements), "Kappa Alpha Theta is Organized," and "Appreciating Kappa Alpha Theta Ritual."

The goal of our member orientation module is to guide new members toward their role in, and responsibility to, the chapter in order to develop unity, loyalty and commitment. The member education chairman, with participation of other chapter members, presents these topics to new members. The chapter's vice-president development is assigned the role of coordinating activities that promote bonding and sisterhood among the new members and initiated members.

In addition, a mentor program helps the new member become assimilated into the day-to-day life of the chapter and helps her find those areas in which she can make a contribution as quickly as possible. This relationship need not end following initiation and need not replace big sister/Theta mom programs. New members also attend chapter meetings (except the beginning and ending sections which contain ritual) during the orientation period in order to facilitate their involvement with the chapter.

One of the most innovative parts of the program is the use of journal writing by

new members. They are asked to keep a record of their thoughts during their four-week orientation period. The journal is for their own personal use, not to be read by others. Through writing exercises, the new members can keep notes on their learning, evaluate their own leadership style with the help of a Personal Style Survey (DISC) and decide how they can fit into the chapter's leadership organization. They are also given the opportunity to identify what they value, and compare their values to those of the Fraternity.

Some chapters have been using *Not For Ourselves Alone* since 1991-1992, with some using a modified version that was somewhat longer than four weeks. Beginning in January, 1993, all chapters were required to implement the program within the four-week time frame and, at the present time, all chapters are implementing the program.

We want chapters to think of this nurturing component of membership as an ongoing process, which complements the four-week orientation program and continues throughout the lifetime of each member, rather than something that ends with initiation.

We all are learning with this new program, and we can't expect it to work for everyone right away. The member orientation program is an evolving program. As chapters actually use it, we are able to identify permanent problems that need new solutions. Other more temporary obstacles experienced by a number of chapters during their first attempt with the four-week program have been overcome in subsequent implementations, after adjustments were made in planning, scheduling and expectations. The materials in the orientation section have been revised each year in response to suggestions from collegians as they implement the program.

Currently, we are collecting data on the successes and challenges of all chapters

using the four-week time frame through evaluations, reports of chapter consultants and college district presidents, and via personal letters from chapter members. The strongest message we have received thus far is that the time frame does not allow for adequate preparation for membership, particularly in large chapters where members feel that four weeks is not enough time for bonding and sisterhood feelings to develop within the chapter. We will be presenting a report at the 1994 Grand Convention on the progress of the member orientation program, which will include scholarship and rush statistics.

The best way we can make the member orientation program work for Kappa Alpha Theta is for our members to continue to communicate with Fraternity officers, including Council, about their concerns, suggestions, successes, challenges, and for us to respond with understanding, support and assistance. We are trying to be sensitive to the genuine concerns of our membership and allow everyone to be heard. We need to assist chapters who continue to struggle with aspects of the program in order to help them make it work. This may involve flexibility in timing of the program and/or adjustments to materials.

Alumnae need to remember that the life of a college woman today may be very different from when they were in school. We must be willing to make changes in our orientation process if those changes will better meet the needs of today's college women.

According to Webster, the word orient means "to acquaint with an existing situation or environment." Our orientation program is designed to acquaint, or inform, new members about the Fraternity. This does not mean that the concepts of friendship and sisterhood have been tossed aside. The development of personal relationships among members does not always follow a rigid time-frame or program time line. We want chapters to think of this nurturing component of membership as an ongoing process, which complements the four-week orientation program and continues throughout the lifetime of each member, rather than something that ends with initiation.

The ultimate goal of the member orientation program is for our new members to become involved, dedicated and enthusi-



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astic members who will contribute their time and talents to our membership. We are striving to find the best way to prepare women for membership while recognizing the time limitations of all college members.

I extend my thanks for the many thoughtful and concerned letters we have already received about this Fraternity program and I invite additional responses and questions. All opinions on this issue are important. Please join me in working toward the common goal of making this a successful program.

Loyally in Theta,

Jill Sauser
Vice-President Education

Your Perspective

Please send your responses and questions about the member education program to: Jill Sauser, Vice-President Education, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268. FAX: 317-876-1925

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Reader Responses Add Up

Since the last issue of the *Magazine* went to press, we've received another 60 or so replies to President Carryl Krohne's Autumn "Perspective" column, bringing the total number of responses to more than 110. Thank you for sharing your perspectives! The additional replies altered the final results of the survey, summarized briefly below:

1. Final responses to the question of collegians having a weighted vote at Convention revealed respondents fairly equally divided on the issue. Forty-five percent believe the vote of college delegates at Grand Convention should remain in a ratio of two-to-one to the total vote of alumnae delegates, while 54 percent thought the difference in the weight of the vote should be narrowed or eliminated.

2. As reported in the last issue, the clear majority of those who responded said they think women who have not had the Theta college experience should not be initiated at the alumnae level.

3. More members wrote to say they believe collegians should be able to write references for prospective members, bringing the total in favor to 63 percent.

4. Seventy percent of total respondents think the Friendship Fund should be transferred to the Foundation to make possible tax-deductible donations to the Fund. And 75 percent think the Fraternity should be empowered to hold funds for disestablished chapters only for a limited period of time.

5. About two-thirds of those who responded express concern about the effectiveness of the new member orientation program. Those members, as well as the nearly ten percent who say they need more information about the program, will want to read Vice President Education Jill Sauser's "Perspective" column on the opposite page, which provides additional insight into the program.

Once again, those who wrote offered a number of ideas about how to improve Theta membership. Look for some of those ideas in the next issue of the *Magazine*, as well as responses to the Winter "Perspective."

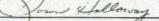
Quake Shakes Thetas

The recent California earthquake shook Beta Xi and Omicron chapter houses, but both chapters report no injuries and minimal damage. Due to vacation, only about ten members of Beta Xi Chapter at UCLA were in the house at the time of the quake. The structure suffered cracks in the ceiling and walls and was scheduled for inspection. At the time of the quake, most Omicron collegians were away from the USC chapter house, which escaped damage and passed inspection.

District VII Alumnae District President Nancy Grubb, who lives not far from the quake's epicenter in the San Fernando Valley, was surprised to be able to reach Kappa Alpha Theta headquarters on the telephone the day after the quake. Grubb, whose family was unharmed, reported that freeways were closed and that they, like many others, had no power. She noted that she had not been allowed to shop in the neighborhood grocery store due to structural damage and liability concerns.

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Kappa Alpha Theta is considering a plan that would offer several insurance options to members, including life, disability, long-term care and cancer insurance. The plan would be a service to members from which the Fraternity would also benefit financially. If this is a service in which you would be interested, or if you have an opinion on the subject, please contact: Nancy Frick, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268 or FAX: 317-876-1925.

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Gamma Sigma chapter members Julie Saxton, Leisa Chase, Hilary Downing, Stephanie Bostwick, Heidi Kleis, Manda VanPelt and Cathie Recker shared a celebration after they received their diplomas last May. All seven women graduated from the liberal studies option II (elementary education) program at San Diego State University.

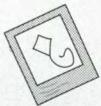
Nancy Williams Gripman, Eta/Michigan, was honored October 21, 1993 for her community contributions in Douglas County, Washington. She was cited by the Douglas County Commissioners with Resolution R992-84, "for extraordinary service." Gripman used her master gardening skills to help develop the Parker Xeriscape Demonstration Garden and the Parker Community Garden. The Theta alumna also founded the Parker Task Force to find shelter and collect food for the needy, and established the Way Station for runaway teens.

Alumna Mary Schudel, Gamma deutanteron/Ohio Wesleyan, delivered the keynote address at this year's United Way kickoff luncheon in Muncie, Ind. September 1. Schudel has been involved with the United Way's services since her daughter was afflicted with Reye's Syndrome. She is a past board member of the local United Way and of the Isanogel Center.

Colorado College awarded alumna **Billie Jean Andrews Fitzgerald**, Beta Omega/Colorado, its 1993 Lloyd E. Warner award. Fitzgerald was one of three recipients honored at the college's fall homecoming. The award is given annually to individuals exhibiting extraordinary service and dedication to the college.

Vanderbilt alumnae **Laurie Durbron Hyndman**, Portland, Maine; **Sallie King Norton**, Nashville, Tenn.; **Marie Hall Smith**, San Antonio, Texas; and **Janet Baird Quesenberry**, Dallas, Texas, had a surprise meeting last May. The four Alpha Eta Chapter alumnae met at the Association of Junior Leagues annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Each was attending as a representative of her local Junior League.

Christine Marie Gleason, Tau/Northwestern alumna, was crowned the 97th queen of Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha, Neb. last October. Ak-Sar-Ben is a state-wide organization dedicated to community activities and scholarships. The honor is given to recognize an individual's, as well as her family's, dedication to serving her community and state of Nebraska. As Ak-Sar-Ben queen, Gleason, who is beginning a career in banking, will serve as a role model for the young people of Nebraska by promoting community service and volunteerism in the state.



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Among the Vanderbilt graduates attending last May's Association of Junior Leagues annual meeting in St. Louis were four Alpha Eta alumnae: Laurie Durbron Hyndman, back, far left; Sallie King Norton, back, second from right; Marie Hall Smith, back, far right; and Janet Baird Quesenberry, front, far left.



Offering congratulations to retiring college district president Lynn Jones Dexter are her successor, Gale Hays Van Ort, and Alumnae District President Jane Weaver Stout, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State.

The American Cancer Society appointed alumna **Eleanor Krussell Wollenweber**, Beta Nu/Florida State, as secretary for their 1993-93 executive board last September. Wollenweber is the community relations coordinator for the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office.

Alumna Stacie L. Dietsch-Becker, Delta Iota/Puget Sound, was awarded the 1993 Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund by the American Business Women's Association. Dietsch-Becker will use the fund to attend an international education conference in Moscow in September. She is a doctoral student in education leadership at Seattle Pacific University and a member of the Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter.

Gamma Sigma/San Diego State member Barbara O'Neil-Nelson celebrated her 50th birthday at the summit of Mt. Olympus in Greece. O'Neal-Nelson finds mountain climbing a "fabulous way to stay fit and make the 10-year markers a joyous adventure." She spent her 40th birthday climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in East Africa and is anticipating another challenge for her 60th birthday.

Jenny Stephens Davidson, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, was named the Muscogee County School District teacher of the year. Davidson, a teacher of advanced mathematics at Shaw High School in Columbia, Ga., was selected from 42 nominees. She was honored for her unwavering dedication to education.

The citizens of Greensboro, N.C. elected their first female mayor last November. **Carolyn Smith Allen, Alpha Theta/Texas**, celebrated her victory and her birthday on her first night as mayor-elect. She won with 59 percent of the votes and will use her position to focus on developing a long-range plan for the city of Greensboro.

Last June, collegian **Nina Lightdale, Epsilon Mu/Princeton**, won the 1993 Women's Foil National Championship for her age category in Fort Myers, Fla. A New Jersey high school state champion, she will spend the year exhibiting her talents at tournaments in locations that include Montreal, Arkansas and Utah.

Lynn Jones Dexter, Beta Omega/Colorado College, retiring college district president, was honored at the Denver Alumnae Chapter's annual alumnae-collegiate brunch, held in June. Dexter served as CDP for District XVI for six years and will be succeeded by **Gale Hays Van Ort, Beta Nu/Florida State**.





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and for her commitment to always go beyond the "call of duty" where her students are concerned.

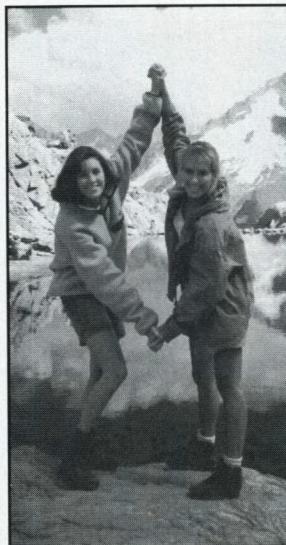
Solveig Berg Dietz, Beta Phi/Penn State, "Looking Upward," (1993). A book of short essays providing insight and thought-provoking themes on love, faith and spirit, written over the years by Soley Dietz, who was paralyzed by polio in 1954; and published by her husband of 38 years, F. Sam Dietz. The book is dedicated to Soley, who died in September, 1992.

Rev. Valerie White Stultz, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan, was inducted into the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Hall of Fame for 1993. She was recognized for the ministerial duties she has performed. Stultz has a diverse background, which includes training volunteers for a crisis intervention service, tutoring learning disabled students and serving as a counselor for the Alcohol Education Program in Delaware County, Ohio. She says her most rewarding trip was to Nigeria in 1990 to learn about the people, way of life and spirituality of the Third World. Stultz is now pastor of Orrville Trinity United Methodist Church in Orrville, Ohio.

"Living with Diabetic Complications, A Survival Guide for Patients by a Patient," (Companion Press) is designed to help those who are facing serious diabetic problems.

Judy Thomas Curtis, Beta Xi/UCLA, wrote this book to provide up-to-date medical treatments, practical living strategies and helpful advice on coping with the emotional and social impact of diabetes. Curtis, a diabetic herself, offers an inspirational guide to patients living with diabetes-related problems.

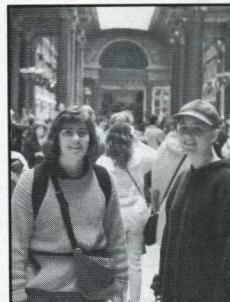
Beta/Indiana chapter member Amy McDonald was inducted into the



At a university in Annecy, France, two young women from the United States met and discovered they had more in common than just nationality. Holly Hermon, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech, and Beth Basola, Gamma Upsilon/Miami of Ohio, were excited to share their European experiences and even took time out to make a Theta kite while hiking in the Alps.



Epsilon Mu/Princeton Thetas Shannon Bonner and Kristin Wood took advantage of an opportunity to visit their Theta sister, Sophie Brown, in France. When Brown, who was spending her summer abroad, took her visitors sightseeing, the women toured a chateau at Villandry in the Loire Valley.



Katie Malague, Epsilon Pi/Bucknell, met Amie Jackowski, Beta Lambda/William and Mary, while studying with Advanced Studies in England. While traveling through Europe, "studying 18th century architecture, honing photography skills, carrying overweight luggage to trains," the two women formed a bond that they feel is true sisterhood. Says Malague, "I was initially embarrassed by my excitement over the connection we had; I later learned that is was to be one of the greatest of my life."

Bloomington, Ind. City Golf Tournament Hall of Fame last September. McDonald won six consecutive women's titles in 1985 when she was 15. She won the state high school championship as an individual in 1987 and went on to play for Indiana University, where she was the runner-up medalist in the Big Ten championships her senior year. McDonald now has turned her focus to medical school and credits her sports involvement for helping her to budget her time.

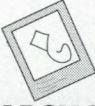


In her book **"Zero 3 Bravo"** (Alfred A. Knopf, Publisher), **Marianna Gosnell, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan**, tells of her solo travels in a single-engine tailwheel airplane across America. She pilots from the Spring Valley, New York airport to San Francisco and back, stopping to take in the local atmosphere of small airports and talking with other gypsyng pilots. Gosnell was previously a reporter for *Newsweek* magazine and is now working on her second book.



Keyna Dyar Cory, Delta Theta/Florida, was the only woman to serve on the 1994 Carquest Bowl Team Selection Committee. This is Cory's fourth year on the committee for the bowl, formerly known as the Blockbuster Bowl, which was played on New Year's Day. Cory says she had to prove her knowledge and commitment to many skeptical men before the opportunity to work with football greats, including Earl Morrall and Dwight Stephenson. She has scouted many games in the last four years, including Florida State and Georgia Tech. Cory's focus for this year's bowl game was scouting the Southeastern Conference.

Sue Ballard Osier, Delta Theta/Florida, has been asked to serve on the long-range planning commission for Greek life on the Emory University campus. The Delta Zeta Chapter house corporation board president is the only sorority alumna to serve on the commission, which will embark on a process of strategic planning



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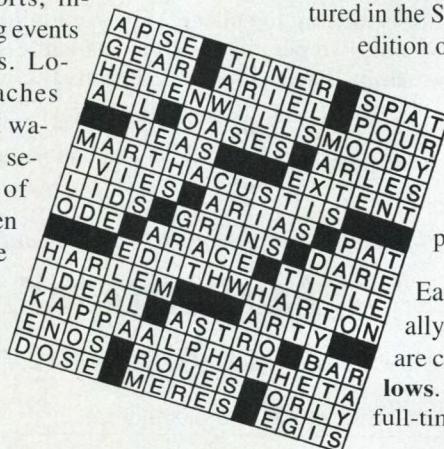
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for the future, including analysis of fraternity and sorority facilities.

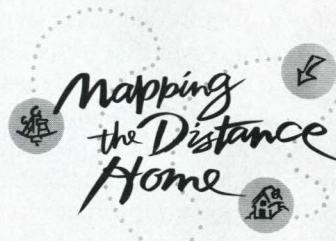
The new YWCA Seattle-South King County domestic violence transitional housing program was named **Anita Vista** to honor **Anita Vedder Garric, Beta Pi Michigan State**. Garric, who has lived and worked in the South King County community for many years, is described as "a woman who has devoted herself to helping women, children and families," and who has "touched the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds."

Since 1989, Garric has coordinated services for homeless families. She also has worked with refugee employment programs, youth counseling and employment services, work training programs and family counseling. Anita Vista is the first transitional housing program designed to serve victims of domestic violence in South King County. It serves women and children who must leave emergency shelter, but require longer term housing and support services.

Anne Bardwell McGuire, Alpha Chi/Purdue, won 17 gold medals at three major masters-division swimming events last spring, competing in the 55 to 59 year-old age group. The Delray Beach, Fla. resident has been swimming competitively for 33 years and is currently ranked first nationally in the 100-meter breaststroke, as well as among the top ten in 11 individual events. She also is a member of a 200-meter mixed medley relay team that is ranked first in the world by Masters Swimming International. In addition to swimming, McGuire was among the first women to compete in several other sports, including running events and triathlons. Locally, she teaches swimming and water aerobics to seniors, some of whom have been trained to be timers at her swim meets.



Kappa Alpha Theta's international philanthropy, The National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, will hold its 13th annual conference—



"Mapping the Distance Home"—at the Hyatt Westshore in Tampa, Fla., May 21-24, 1994. Members will gather with national experts and professionals to focus on the most critical challenges now facing those who work for the best interests of children. Early discount registration rates are available. For additional conference and registration information, call Amy Duncan or Michael Beneke at the National CASA Association: 206-328-8588.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has published *The Overview* describing its program funding opportunities. To receive a copy, write or call: NEH Overview, Room 407, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20506, phone 202-606-8438. Mention that you read of the publication in this magazine to receive a copy of the NEH magazine, *Humanities*.

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity was featured in the Saturday, September 25, 1993 edition of the *USA Today Crossword*.

The puzzle clue read: "First National Greek Sorority." The answer—**KAPPA ALPHA THETA**—stretched across the entire puzzle.

Each year 11 to 19 exceptionally promising men and women are chosen as **White House Fellows**. They serve for one year as full-time paid assistants to senior

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Adopt-A-School, a national community service project is being piloted by the **National Panhellenic Conference, the Association of Fraternity Advisors, College Fraternity Editors Association, Fraternity Executives Association and the National Panhellenic Council as well as the National Interfraternity Conference**. The purpose is to pair fraternity and sorority communities with local elementary schools, in an effort to provide role models and individual attention to grade-school children. Undergraduates or alumnae interested in starting an Adopt-A-School program should call 317-872-1112.

Beta Theta Chapter is making available one \$5000 scholarship for Fall '94 and, possibly, two \$5000 scholarship for Spring 1995. The **Beta Theta House Corporation** has pioneered a method of keeping the Theta name alive on the **University of Idaho** campus, although the chapter was disestablished in 1986. A portion of the interest earned on chapter assets, which were returned to the Fraternity following the sale of the chapter facility, will be awarded each year as the Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarships. Applicants must be Idaho students who are immediate family members or descendants of Thetas. Please contact Kappa Alpha Theta Central Office at 1-800-526-1870 for additional information.



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Scrapbook

Kappa Alpha Theta President Carryl Krohne and Nu Chapter Thetas celebrated Hanover College's 1993 Homecoming together in October. Krohne re-united with her 1968 pledge class for their 25th anniversary. The Hanover women celebrated with a dinner at the Theta chapter house, enjoyed a campus serenade of the Homecoming candidates and reminisced with Theta friends at a special luncheon.

Delta Phi collegians took first place in the eight-mile Walk America's Walk for Healthier Babies at Clemson University.

Composites

Delta Phi Chapter collegians found a great way to exercise and raise money at the same time when they finished an eight-mile trek in Clemson University's annual Walk America fundraiser last April. The Thetas won first place in the sorority division and beat their Sigma Phi Epsilon challengers for a first place in overall total contributions to the March of Dimes.



The Delta Zeta Chapter was recently recognized for its outstanding role on Emory University's campus at the Greek Life Awards ceremony. The chapter was awarded the coveted Dean's Cup for excelling in scholarship, leadership, community service, financial responsibility, programming and member education. The chapter also received the Dean's Cup Special Recognition for excellence in pledge education and was chosen as the most improved sorority at Emory.



The University of Maryland Panhellenic Association awarded **Gamma Mu Chapter** first place in the Panhellenic Tennis Tournament in September. The Panhellenic Association and Campus Recreation Services Department have established a Panhellenic Athletic League with 16 campus Panhellenic groups participating.

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6. The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation exists to support Theta programs which are not covered by dues. If asked properly, would you consider giving a charitable contribution to Kappa Alpha Theta?

- 1 Currently give and plan to continue giving in future 2 Have given in the past and may consider again 3 Would consider 4 Not likely 5 Never

7. Do you currently volunteer time to other organizations? yes no

If yes, what type of organizations: (check all that apply)

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8. American society is changing. More women work. Older women are returning to college. The population is increasingly diverse culturally. Each of us will face these changes more and more in our own personal, social, academic and work lives.

Would you find it helpful for your personal development if Kappa Alpha Theta offered programs that address issues of diversity? Please circle your opinion.

- 1 Great. I would welcome an opportunity to participate.

- 2 No. I would not participate.

- 3 I do not care either way.

The following information will help us learn more about our members. Thanks! This information is strictly confidential.

Year you graduated: Undergraduate 75 Graduate 85 your occupation: Administrator

Family status: single married divorced children Member of Theta chapter/club: yes (District____); no

Your household income: Under \$25,000 \$25,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-\$99,999 \$100,000 or more

Thank you! Your opinions, combined with others, will decide the future. Please return your survey to the international headquarters by May 10, 1994

Lissa Bradford Begins NPC Leadership Role

Kappa Alpha Theta National Panhellenic Conference Delegate Lissa Luton Bradford, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, took the first step toward the NPC chairmanship when she was installed as treasurer last November. The former Theta Grand President joined the three-member NPC executive committee at the Conference's 1993 meeting, held November 4-7 in Orlando.

Bradford will become the third Theta in history to serve as NPC chairman when she assumes that role in 1997, following her service as treasurer and secretary. Because NPC's executive offices are held by representatives of its 26 member groups on a rotating basis, the last time Theta held the chairmanship was from 1947-1949 when L. Pearle Green became chairman for the second time.

In honor of Bradford, and in preparation for Theta's holding the NPC chairmanship for an historic fourth time, the Fraternity has made a \$10,000 gift to the Conference. The gift will be used to implement long range planning by funding activities and projects for the 21st century.

As the new century approaches and a new rotation of NPC groups begins (Pi Beta Phi's Jean Scott began the new rotation when she became treasurer in 1991.), Bradford believes it is an appropriate time for change. "What we did in the past was the right thing at that time, but now is the right time to take a more aggressive approach," she explains. "There is a groundswell in NPC that feels the Conference needs to take more initiative, to become more involved in leadership roles with Greeks."

Bradford, who has been involved with NPC for nearly 14 years, is representative of this transitional time. She says, "I'm reluctant to let go of the past. I regret that so many who have so much experience are retiring, and I hate to see the many years of knowledge going with them. But I also see opportunities and I think we need to be in step with the future."

Bradford began her service in 1980 when she became an alternate delegate as newly-elected Grand President of Kappa

Alpha Theta. (Bradford served Theta previously as Vice-President College, Council member-at-large and college district president.) Following her presidency, in 1984, she was appointed Theta 3rd alternate delegate, and in 1987 became the Fraternity's delegate.

Her role — one that she says demands an average of four to five hours a day — is dual. First, she acts as a link between Theta and NPC. "As Theta's delegate, in cooperation with our alternate delegates, I represent the Fraternity's collective voice in the NPC arena. I'm responsible, as well, for reflecting the spirit of Panhellenic back to Theta members."

The Panhellenic Creed

"...We, as fraternity women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenant by which we strive to live."

A delegate's second role is working within the Conference appointments. Bradford has served in many capacities, including extension chairman, housing chairman, college Panhellenic area adviser for Virginia and North Carolina and a number of committee and subcommittee positions.

Delegates have always worked to fulfill NPC's original role: "to further sisterhood and friendship among collegiate and alumnae women." The Conference's first formal meeting was held in 1902 and, in 1908, began the tradition of selecting executive officers by rotating member groups by their founding dates. Pi Beta Phi began the officer rotation, followed by Theta Laura Hills Norton. The NPC Creed, which Greek women everywhere acknowledge, was adopted in 1915.



Lissa Bradford receives the NPC treasurer's pin from retiring Chairman Harriet Macht at the Conference's 1993 meeting.

Bradford says that through the years, NPC's formal structure — which promotes efficiency in handling business — has remained traditional. However, she says the issues which the Conference is addressing have changed. A recent questionnaire revealed that topics which delegates believe need to be addressed include: risk management, notably alcohol awareness and others affecting the safety and image of Greeks; women's health and the single sex issue; Greek relationships with colleges and universities; and membership recruitment and retention.

NPC is collaborating with the National Interfraternity Conference to address some issues. One jointly created program, "Greek Solutions," is a program which is taken to campus Panhel and IFC audiences to encourage Greeks to act responsibly and address risk management problems.

Bradford says the Conference also is involved in doing more research to substantiate the Greek experience, something which motivates her NPC work. "I believe in the fraternity experience for women," she explains. "It demands we be the best we can be. Our organizations encourage and motivate young college women, the future leaders of our communities and our world."

As Bradford begins her ascendancy through the NPC "chairs," she wants to remind Thetas, "This is not my position, but Theta's. While Kappa Alpha Theta is in this leadership position, we should consider it our responsibility to give our very best leadership to Panhellenic, to broaden our scope by focusing on Greek issues as well as Theta issues."

Changing Thymes

Zeta Omicron Installed at Wake Forest University

On November 13, 1993, the installation of the former Wake Forest University Thymes Society as the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta resulted in the addition of 75 "like-minded" collegians and alumnae to the Fraternity's membership.

The matching of Kappa Alpha Theta with the Thymes women began last fall, when ten National Panhellenic Conference groups were chosen to make presentations to the six previously established local societies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. At the close of the October 8 presentation weekend, Thetas were pleased to learn that the Fraternity was the first choice of the 64 members of the Thymes Society. Everyone involved in the presentation weekend felt Theta was a "perfect match" for the 25-year old society, whose membership includes the Wake Forest inter-society council president and student government president.

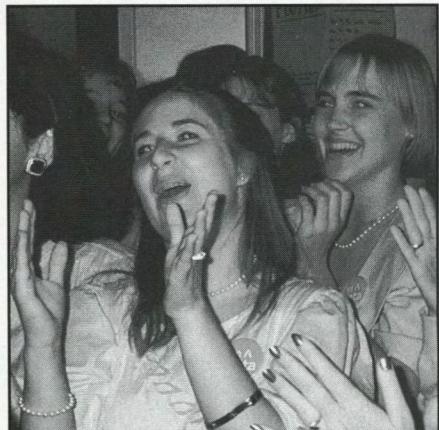
Right down to the weekly campus newspaper, "The Old Gold and Black," Wake Forest University also seems a

good match for Kappa Alpha Theta. The 160-year old private liberal arts institution, according to one University publication, focuses on "tradition, challenge, commitment and excellence."

Following four exciting, transitional weeks of member orientation with based consultant Julie K Ruffolo, the Fraternity installation team arrived at Wake Forest on November 12. The Friday evening festivities included the Loyalty Service, refreshments, opening gifts and a song session lead by some of the team members.

Initiation day began at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Graylyn Conference Center near the Wake Forest campus. Sixty-four collegians and 11 Thymes alumnae were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. Many area alumnae helped throughout the day. In addition, Beta Rho Thetas from Duke University were in attendance, coordinated by Beta Rho ritualist, Jill Rau. At the close of the day the new Zeta Omicron Chapter members were exclaiming how amazing the ceremony had been: They now knew what it meant to be a Kappa Alpha Theta.

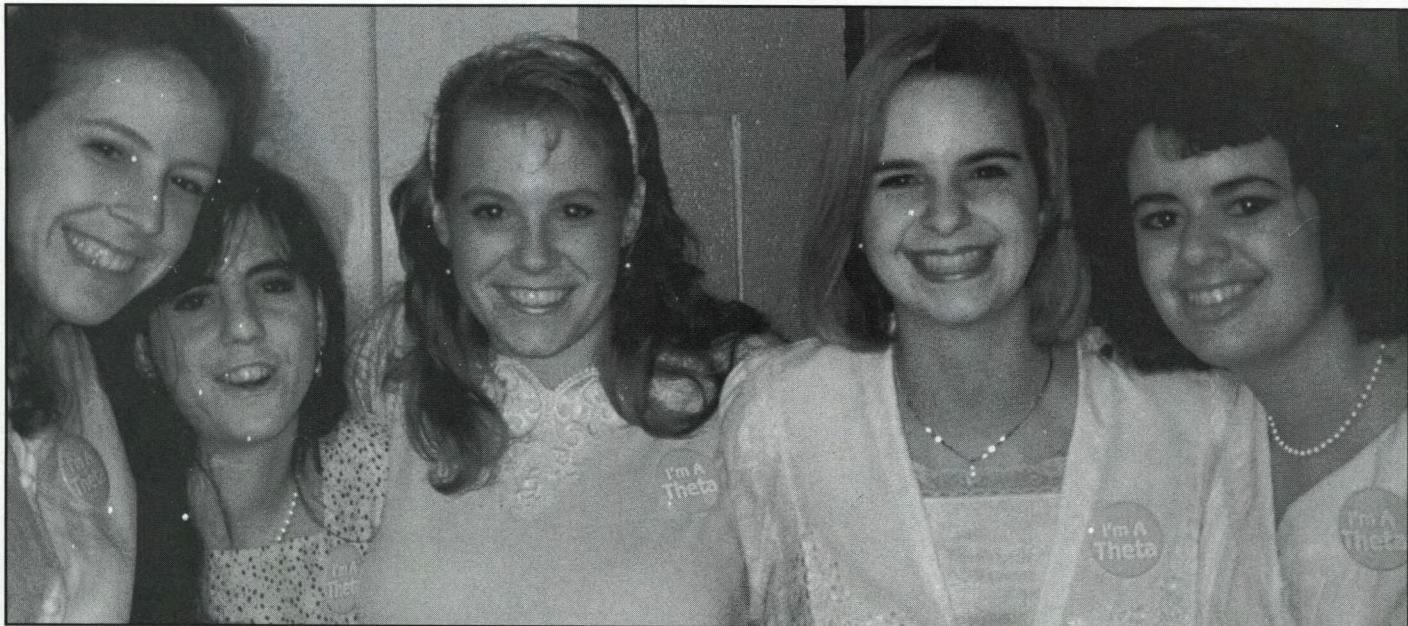
A team of ten Thetas gave presentations to six local groups and captured the hearts of the Thymes society. Team members included: Sue Supple, Director of Communication; George Maddox, CDP; Shannon Wilcoxon, Beta Rho chapter member; Margie Baum, Vice-President Development; Luci Jackson, Asst. Director of Communication; Grace Wang, Zeta Xi charter member; Julie Ruffolo, Chapter Consultant; Marcia Bond, Executive Director and Corinne Bergmann, ADP.



New Zeta Omicron members celebrate with Theta songs.

The installation banquet was held Sunday at the beautiful Old Town Country Club. Advisory Board Chairman Pamela Ball served as toastmistress of the celebration brunch and Zeta Omicron Chapter President Meg Lewis lead the Founders Toast with the support of vice-presidents Laura Johnson, Jody Wooten, Tracy Seilers and Charlotte Knapp. Theta NPC Delegate Lissa Bradford addressed the group, commenting again on the perfect match made by Theta and Thymes. The high point of the day occurred when Fraternity Executive Director Marcia Bond presented the signed charter to the chapter.





Stephanie Wallen, Christina Habib, Martina Clark, Melissa Berry and Laura McGee celebrate as new Thetas.

The installation weekend ended with a surprise gift of Kappa Alpha Theta Greek letters for the new members of the Fraternity's 120th college chapter to display outside their hall. Theta was the first of the six new NPC groups to be installed at Wake Forest.

As the weekend concluded, Zeta Omicron Chapter members commented that the move from Thymes to Theta signaled not an end for them, but rather an exciting and challenging beginning.

Julie K. Ruffolo
Chapter Consultant



After the Loyalty Service, the Zeta Omicron Chapter learned new Theta songs and sang traditional Thymes Society songs.

Zeta Omicron Installation Team

- Lissa Bradford**
National Panhellenic Conference Delegate
- Sue Supple**
Former President
- Sue Blair**
Former Vice-President Development
- Marcie Wolfe**
College District President
- Corinne Bergmann**
Alumnae District President
- Pamela Ball**
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- Paige Thompson**
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- Angela Merk**
College Services Representative
- Julie K. Ruffolo**
Chapter Consultant
- Sarah Scharber**
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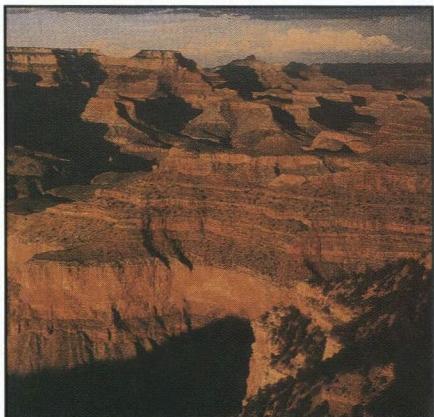


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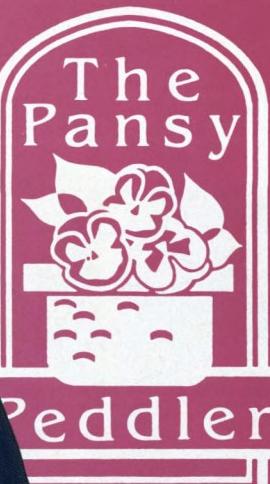


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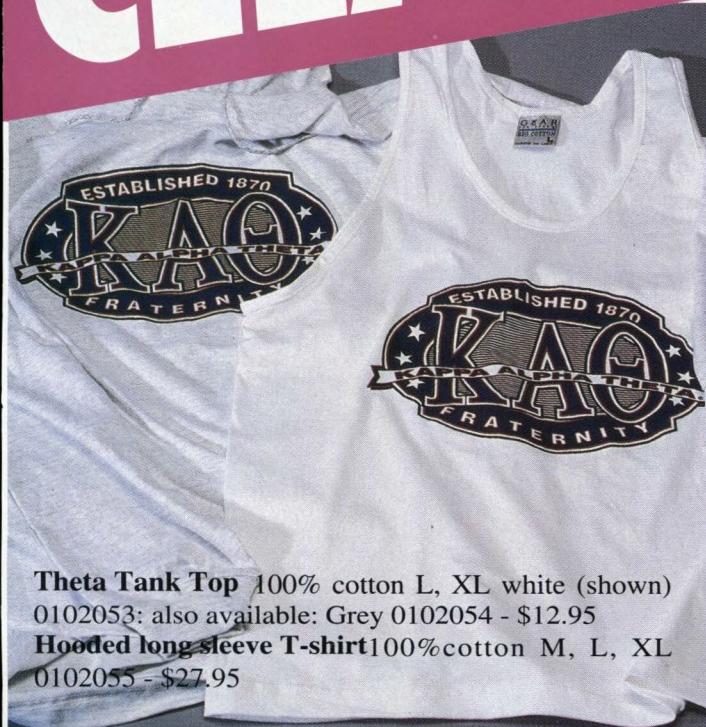


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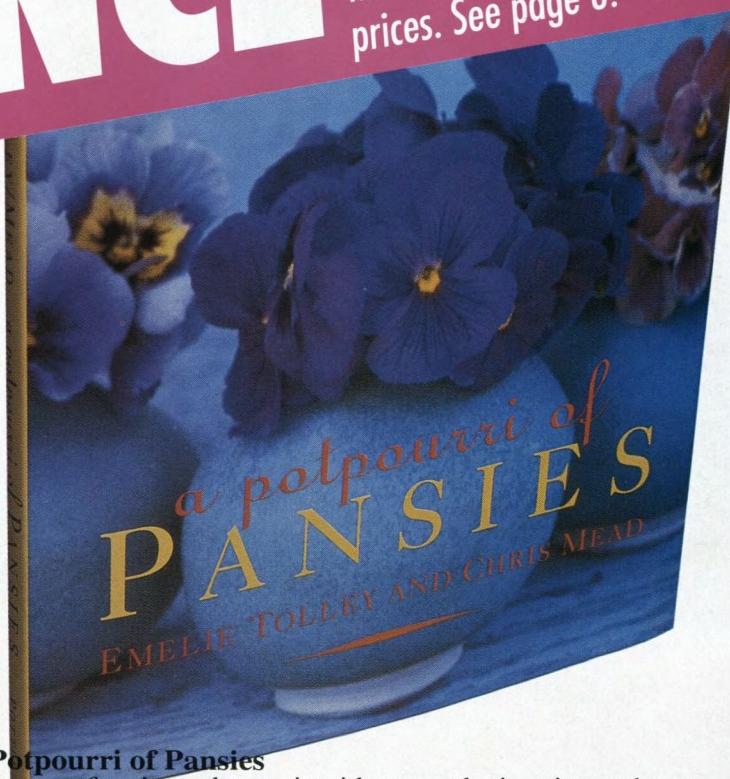


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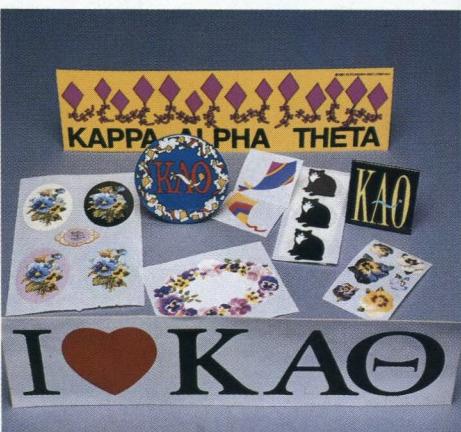
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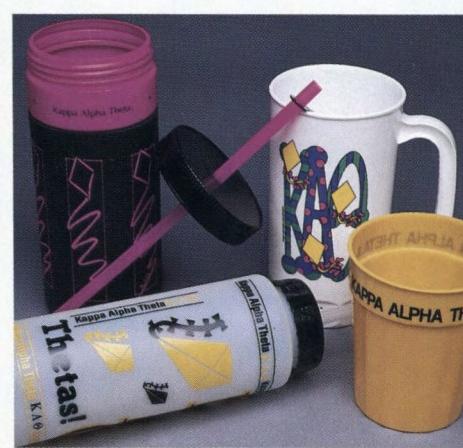
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Faces of THETA

Theta has many faces, representing a range of ages, experiences and viewpoints. Each member is a valuable part of the Fraternity picture and helps make Kappa Alpha Theta a vital organization for women. Here, six Thetas—from collegian to 100-plus-year-old alumna—talk about their lives and their perspectives of Theta.

Peg Richards, Tau/Northwestern, would love to have you come visit her in Florida. She'll even give you a ride in her canoe. It'll probably be a fast one though, because Richards has won dozens of medals in the local Golden Age Games canoe races and recently beat her time from last year's race. Not bad for 101!

"Peg still has an incredible smile and a great love of Theta," says Volusia County Area Alumnae Club President Debbie Allen, Delta Theta/Florida. "She is a true inspiration to us 'young' ones!"

Indeed, Richards is an inspiration to many, including her own Theta daughter, 63-year old Margaret Murr, Delta/Illinois, who has referred to her mother as "the Energizer bunny...She just keeps going!"

Richards was born Margaret Wilcox in 1893 in Chicago and became a Theta at Northwestern University, where she was a basketball and hockey player, and was president of the Women's Athletic Association. She graduated in 1915 with a degree in psychology and English.

At a University of Illinois track meet, Richards couldn't take her eyes off the young track captain, and, in 1916, they

were married. James, an architect and engineer, and Peg Richards reared four children, living in Illinois and Ohio. In 1953 they retired in DeBary, Fla., where James designed and helped build the house near which his ashes are now buried. Beneath a huge oak tree in the back yard, the marker reads simply, "He liked it here."

Today Peg Richards and her daughter share a home and, although neither drives anymore, they remain active. At the 1994 Founders Day luncheon, where Allen reports that Mrs. Richards taught her a new Theta song, the highly-regarded and well-loved alumna addressed the membership:

"Theta has always played an important part in my life and still does. My college days were happy times at Northwestern. I am very fortunate as an alum to have you for my friends. Theta does that for you. It gives you friends that last a long time, love you, watch over you and collect you to loving bosoms. That is why Theta is just as relevant today as it was during my college days. With that I will be seated. When you get old you don't lose your speech, just your audience."

—by Susan Holloway
reported by Debbie Allen, Delta Theta/Florida

New York City alumna Kathleen Fetzer, Epsilon Xi/Villanova,

thinks Thetas who are not involved in alumnae groups are missing out—on leadership opportunities, acceptance and fun. The young alumna says she feels indebted to Theta for providing her with all three.

Fetzer, a free-lance writer who is working on her master's in exercise physiology at Columbia University, was a founding member of Epsilon Xi in 1983. She traces her positive feelings about Theta back to her freshman year at Villanova and her initial impression of the Philadelphia alumnae. "They were so talented, so smart, so beautiful. I was drawn to them. I was not given the impression of giggly sorority girls, but of women with substance."

Most significant about Theta to Fetzer is the opportunity for leadership that it provides, beginning in college. "College is a training ground. Theta gives you the opportunity for leadership and the chance to make mistakes, to learn the ropes with the support of advisers. With Theta's direction I developed a lot of confidence in myself through leadership. It helped me get organized and to learn to juggle responsibilities."

Fetzer's allegiance to Theta strengthened further when she was named a Founders Memorial Scholar. "I couldn't

believe it," she says. "It was such a prestigious honor and a great experience. It was an important factor in my life and I felt quite indebted."

After graduating Fetzer went to work for *Woman's Day* magazine, where she wrote fitness and beauty articles. She credits Theta with helping her make the transition from college. "Theta played a big role in helping me get into the real world after school," explains Fetzer. "I received a postcard inviting me to join the New York City alumnae and later, when I was asked to be an officer, there was another opportunity for leadership. The alumnae were so interesting, and so interested in me. There was a feeling of being totally accepted."

Although she continues to volunteer as permanent alumnae secretary for Epsilon Xi Chapter, Fetzer is taking a temporary "breather" from alumnae work while finishing her degree, writing, and tutoring for standardized tests. "That's what so great about being in an alumnae group. They'll excuse you. They know there are periods when you can't contribute and are genuine in welcoming you anyway."

Fetzer believes Kappa Alpha Theta continues to be relevant to alumnae as well as collegians. "It's what you make of it. The only way to have an affect is to get involved," she explains. "As alumnae, it's our turn to help collegians; to give them the opportunities we had, so

short and blonde. But one meeting turned into three and before we knew it we were meeting at six every morning to run in Central Park. She has become my best friend and I would never have met her otherwise."

The near future is one of new beginnings for Fetzer. After she graduates, she'll be looking for full-time employment that combines her fitness expertise with the media environment. And she's getting married in August. But some things—like running and Theta—won't change.

Says Fetzer, "Without a doubt I'll stay involved with Theta. I'm still connected. It's too much fun!"

by Susan Holloway, Editor



"Joining Theta was the best thing I ever did," states **Janet Paine Peters, Beta Omega/Colorado College**, when asked what Theta means to her. While husband Bill might say marrying him was the best thing, Peters' mother would agree with her. "Even my mother says I really gained a lot from Theta!"

Peters has done it all in her more than 40 years of Theta membership. Ever since her collegiate years, she has been involved with her Fraternity. She served as Pasadena Alumnae Chapter president, Federation of Southern California Alumnae Chapter president, alumnae district president, Grand Vice-President Alumnae and Grand President. And recently, when asked by Grand Council to serve as director of volunteers, she once again said yes, enthusiastically. Theta is in her blood!

"Theta helped me stretch out beyond the dorm group for friendship," says Peters of her college years. "It taught me skills in organization, and being an only child, it helped me interact with lots of different personalities." As for why she has stayed involved, Peters says. "The people, the friendship, and the opportunity to stretch myself. The last four years as president I did things I never knew I could do."

After marrying in 1957, Peters taught un-



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—Kathleen Fetzer, Epsilon Xi/Villanova

in turn they can develop and give back. Just get on the mailing list for an alumnae group and who knows what can happen? There are so many opportunities for networking and friendship."

Friendship has been another Theta plus for Fetzer, who met a special friend at an alumnae meeting. "We started visiting because she had heard that I run. (Fetzer ran the New York City Marathon). "We had nothing else in common. She's from Missouri; I'm from the East. She has long straight brown hair; mine is



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—Janet Paine Peters, Beta Omega/Colorado College

til she became pregnant with the first of their two children. Like so many women

of that era, she retired to stay home with her children. "That was what we did then. You stayed home and had your family. I had no intention of going back," she remembers. "Even before I was pregnant with Judy, I looked up the Theta group because I wanted to know someone besides teachers."

Becoming a Theta was pure chance, Peters remembers, "I had no sorority background what so ever, and it was strictly a matter of feeling comfortable and liking the people in the chapter."

"Besides," she jokes, "Kappa dropped me!"

Peters' sense of humor and light-hearted response to difficult situations were trademarks of her tenure as Grand President and have helped her personally as well. "It was a sinking feeling," she says, when she learned that daughter Judy, who went to the University of the Pacific, had not been extended a bid by Theta. "But as alumnae district president, I had been around enough to know that rush is a difficult time at best for both the chapter and the young women going through."

Although she was disappointed, Peters has no bitter feelings toward the Fraternity and is philosophical about the incident. "What I think is a mistake happened, but Judy had the strength and leadership ability to go on and be president of her chapter," she says. "Judy's experience in Alpha Chi (Omega) was sort of like watching a rosebud just opening up...She has the sorority experience and that is the important thing."

Peters' breadth of Theta experience makes her an excellent person to comment on the value of membership and the

future of Theta. She believes the values inherent in our ritual have remained the same even though the interpretation may have wavered. "Were Bettie Locke around today, I think she would be appalled at the surface changes, but the intrinsic values are still there."

Peters believes that Theta has always been a leader and is not afraid to take bold steps, but has concern for the future. "I think it (the future) needs the constant attention of all the Greek world. I think that there is a need for an all female association, but if we can't absolutely get rid of the hazing and keep in step with the times there is a danger."

Another concern is the lack of hours alumnae have available to volunteer for Theta. And volunteers are needed to ensure that the college chapters are there for future young women. Peters believes the Fraternity must continue to look for ways to reduce the requirements of alumnae volunteers.

Peters believes that the strongest draw the Fraternity has is friendship. "It is a different caring than one would find in the Junior League or symphony group," she explains. The key, according to Peters is to get the alumnae groups to contact people as they move into new areas. "It is a marvelous way to connect people."

It is an important connection for Peters. "I have gained so much from Theta. It has offered me so many wonderful opportunities that I never knew when I stepped across the threshold of the Beta Omega Chapter house."

by Sue F. Supple
Director of Communications



Women supporting women: For **Mary Louise Epperson Smith, Beta Omicron/Iowa**, this has been one of two guiding forces in her life, and, as she sees it, is the very essence of a sorority.

"I have always been determined to help women overcome barriers," explains Smith. "Women have a responsibility to do that. I hope that is a philosophy being instilled in college chapters today."

Smith, who counts 62 years as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, currently resides in Des Moines, Iowa, where she has shared her views with the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter on several occasions. She encourages Thetas of all ages to be more active in public life and to carry on with the same kind of "determination, vitality and energy" as Theta's founders.

"I look back and appreciate the women who founded Kappa Alpha Theta," says Smith. "They truly were, in the best sense of the word, the 'feminists' of their age. They were the bedrock of many of the advances we've seen for women—socially, academically, politically and every other way. I would hope that would carry over to Theta chapters today."

In fact, Smith herself has displayed much of the founders' spirit in her dedi-

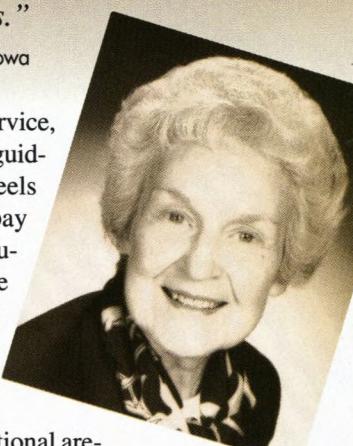
"I have always been determined to help women overcome barriers."

—Mary Louise Epperson Smith, Beta Omicron/Iowa

cation to public service, the second factor guiding her life. She feels an obligation to pay back to her community, which she says has been very good to her.

Smith's "community" includes local, state and national arenas, and the lists of her contributions to each are long and varied. Among them are many notable "firsts."

In 1976, Smith became the first woman to organize and call to order the national convention of a major political party in the United States. She is the only woman ever to have served as the national chair



of the Republican Party, a position she held from 1974 to 1977. In 1988, the YWCA of Greater Des Moines named Smith the first recipient of the Mary Louise Smith Award, created to honor individuals for outstanding effort to eliminate racism. And, in 1991, Smith co-founded the Iowa Women's Archives.

In addition, Smith served as the vice chair of the United States Commission on Civil Rights in 1982 and 1983, when the commission was reorganized, and is currently on the board of directors of the United States Institute of Peace.

Smith, now a grandmother and great-grandmother, admits that Theta means more to her in later life, but then she did not have a typical sorority experience.

"We lived in Iowa City, and my sister was a Theta at the university, so I became good friends with many of them," she recalls. "After I pledged, I lived at home, so I didn't have a feeling of the group. I lived in the house my senior year. I was married October 7, the day after I turned 20. My parents didn't approve of the marriage until we were out of school, so we kept it a secret. I continued to live at the Theta house, and Elmer lived at Sigma Nu. The longer we let it go, the more worried we got!"

"Theta became more important to me then," explains Smith. "Although I was not as involved in the chapter, they supported me and accepted me as part of a family."

The Smiths raised their family in the small, Iowa town of Eagle Grove. Mary Louise became an avid volunteer campaign worker in the early 1950s, eventually leading to her prominence in the National Republican Party. Although there were no opportunities for Theta alumnae involvement in Eagle Grove, Smith says, "Theta does have deep meaning for me, even though I have not been active day to day."

Smith believes the Fraternity offers great advantages to women, by opening doors to opportunities as well as through friendships made to last a lifetime. "That association with women is an advantage I can't stress enough," she says. "It will serve them (college women) well in life."

The story of the founders' courage, as

well as the example set by Kappa Alpha Theta today, lay the groundwork for growth in young women, according to Smith: "Compassion, poise, self-confidence, sense of community, devotion to public service -- these should all be part of the college experience."

by Martha Fifield
Gamma Pi/Iowa State



One must wonder exactly what Bettie Locke envisioned in the future of Kappa Alpha Theta when she initiated herself in front of a mirror 124 years ago. Surely she did not expect the "typical sorority girl" image many people who are not affiliated with the Greek system might conjure up. Fortunately, Theta has many members who go beyond that image by living up to the ideals Locke established.

Katie VonFeldt, Psi/Wisconsin, is one of those members. A senior who will graduate this spring from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, VonFeldt has done her best to reverse negative stereotypes of the Greek system. She has demonstrated exactly what Theta, and other women's fraternities, have to offer.

"I believe a woman who belongs to such a strong organization as Theta should be proud," says VonFeldt. "Since the day our founders started the organi-

"Theta encouraged me to do my best."

—Katie VonFeldt, Psi/Wisconsin

zation, Theta has continued to uphold the values of a woman believing in herself as an individual. These ideals remain strong today, and are important to all Thetas."

Her freshman year, VonFeldt found it hard to find exactly where she belonged on the Madison campus of more than 45,000 students. In fact, she was very close to discontinuing her education at the university because she felt "lost" in all of the students. She decided that joining a sorority might bring her the sense of belonging that had been missing from her freshman year. She was right!

After pledging, VonFeldt immediately immersed herself in the chapter and became representative to the campus Associate Panhellenic, a body that served all new members of the Panhellenic community. She continued her Panhellenic involvement when she was elected to represent Psi Chapter on the Wisconsin Panhellenic Council.

The following summer, VonFeldt attended Grand Convention in Tarpon Springs, Fla., where she was able to see Theta's "big picture." She recently concluded her term as chapter president, and will soon pass on the badge awarded each year to a Psi collegian who is the recipient of the Evelyn Coleman Service Award. It is given to the member who best represents the ideals of the Fraternity based on scholarship, leadership and service.

VonFeldt says that as soon as she joined Theta, her grades shot up and she has remained on the Dean's list. "Theta encouraged me to do my best, and my grades...reflect that." She also improved her leadership skills by attending the LeaderShape Institute last summer.



VonFeldt's involvement extends beyond Theta to the Wisconsin campus. She explains, "I feel I have a good vision of what Madison represents, and I want to fit Theta into that vision." VonFeldt has used her personal experience to support the University's student orientation programs, working one-on-one with new students and their families to help them adjust to college life on a large campus. She also has been an advocate for change as

a member of the Risk Management Task Force and has helped make Psi Chapter a leader in responsible socializing and minimizing risk to chapter members, as well as reduction of chapter liability.

While VonFeldt believes strongly that Theta's ideals remain relevant today, she thinks that the issues women face have changed. At the collegiate level, she has witnessed the importance of Greek organizations following their own risk management policies. The use, and possible abuse of alcohol, is a major safety and security concern for any college student. "While in the past, Panhellenic and the Interfraternity Councils have been very separate, the issue of alcohol has forced these two bodies to work together," says VonFeldt.

She also believes it is important for Theta, along with other traditional Greek groups, to work more closely with the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, a traditionally African American group of men's and women's organizations. "We need more of an effort to work with that body, and to understand their organizations. Together, we can strive to prove to the community that we are more than a "party organization," because that is not what we are all about. All Greek groups must work together to try to answer the question, 'How will we survive?' We must somehow stop these negative images, and evaluate where we are now, and where we're going."

Looking toward graduation, VonFeldt understands that Kappa Alpha Theta is truly for a lifetime. "Theta membership is continuous. It never ends. It is important for me to see that alumnae can still believe so strongly in Theta...In thinking of my future, I have to ask, what will I do? Yet I know that wherever I go, Theta will be there, through the friendships I've already developed, and those I have yet to make by involvement with any alumnae organization. That security is nice. No matter where I am living, I'll be able to reach out to Theta, and have that influence."

by Lori Kolander
Chapter Consultant



Positive peer pressure, networking and training are vital components in **Mary Overton Caldwell's** Theta experience.

Caldwell, Omicron/USC, leads a busy life that combines three young children, a military officer husband, a career as a vice-president of a real estate development/management corporation and a dedication to volunteerism. She credits Kappa Alpha Theta with giving her the drive and determination to create her well-rounded life.

At the University

of Southern California in 1977, Caldwell became a member of the Omicron Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Although she admits to being "extremely impressionable," at that age, Caldwell says she knew that the Theta women were those with whom she wanted to be associated. "There's so much more Theta expects out of its women (than social involvement), but that is so difficult to express to a 17-year-old. What else can you do but say it's a blast."

Her freshman year, Caldwell says she jumped in with both feet and let Theta push her along. "Theta reaffirmed many values that I had growing up: academic achievement, community service and respect for individuals' differences. It really taught me cooperation within different groups of people that I maybe wouldn't have chosen to be my best friends...We were all strongly encouraged to be very well-rounded."

Caldwell also values the quality friends, wonderful role models and true mentors she found in Theta. "The women I knew don't realize how much they taught me about integrity, courage, and establishing a bearing for leadership."

After graduating, Caldwell worked as a chapter consultant for a year and later as the Fraternity's director of scholarship. While serving on Theta's college committee, Caldwell helped implement the new member orientation program, some well-focused academic policies, the chapter visitation policy, and other groundbreaking programs that have helped put Theta at the forefront of university Greek systems. "I think these changes are a per-

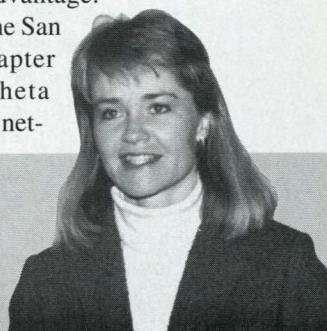
fect illustration of the flexibility the Fraternity has in its determination to meet today's women's needs."

Caldwell is a strong believer in using the skills she acquired from Fraternity involvement to full advantage.

Being a member of the San Diego alumnae chapter gave her new Theta friends, broad-based net-

"I directly use the skills that I acquired by being a Theta volunteer and officer."

—Mary Overton Caldwell, Omicron/USC



working and the ability to work with a very diverse group of people. "I directly use the skills that I acquired by being a Theta volunteer and officer. My skills of facilitating, fund raising and recruiting have helped me train other volunteers. I owe it all to my training with Kappa Alpha Theta." Caldwell currently uses her volunteer skills on a daily basis as the Coordinator of Key Volunteers, a support group for military spouses and families on the Camp Pendleton military base. She credits her success in this role to her Theta experience. "To have Theta as a resource, and for free, is amazing!"

It is Caldwell's belief that Theta will continue to be a leader on campuses by keeping abreast of women's issues. "Most everything comes through education. Programs such as the new member orientation, Balanced Woman member education and *Talking About Alcohol* are really illustrative of the Fraternity changing to meet the needs and desires of women. As long as the educational programs don't remain static or keep the same curriculum, education is the best avenue to keep Theta forward-looking."

Although she is not actively involved as a Theta volunteer now, Caldwell still tries to keep in touch with the Fraternity as much as possible. In January, she helped colonize Zeta Rho Chapter at the University of California-San Diego and her excitement about the new chapter and the future of Kappa Alpha Theta is evident. "Theta will always be an important part of my life. No doubt about it."

by Luci Jackson, Associate Editor

PERSPECTIVES

Life After College

Several months ago, I knocked on the front door of the Theta chapter house in Austin, Texas. As I said hello to some friendly faces, I was told I could put my belongings in the alumnae lounge. As I passed out cookies and punch, I couldn't help but smile as my younger sister walked past me. (This turned out to be a special night because my sister pledged Theta!) I ran into the next room to say hello before the KATS skit began. Later, after the parties, I waved goodbye and found myself sitting outside on the front porch swing with two other recent graduates.

Many alumnae may have experienced nights like this. But to me, this all felt very awkward. I was an active member of this chapter only three months before. Inside the house were all my friends, my old room, our housemother and many wonderful memories. And where was I? At that moment, I thought that being an alum wasn't all that great.

It was amazing how much my life had changed in only three months. No longer could I watch "Regis and Kathy Lee" each morning before class. Worst of all, I was paying for this weekend out of my own paycheck. But this thought brought a smile to my face. A paycheck. I had just received my third one that Friday.

Prior to my employment with a company in Ft. Worth, I was the typical college senior. What to do after graduation? Would I attempt graduate school or the working world? I procrastinated making a decision all the way through graduation. Upon returning home for the first time in four years, I knew I had to move fast. I made an appointment with a career consultant, who advised me that the most effective and efficient way to get a job was through connections.

Fortunately, I had someone in mind. I had met Carol Daley, a woman from Arlington, at the District XII Leadership

Alumnae Reflect on the Value of Kappa Alpha Theta to Individuals, Organizations and Communities.



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Conference, which both alumnae and collegians had attended. When I first met Carol, she was, in my mind, a typical alumna. She was showering me with pictures of a prospective freshman at the University of Texas, who she thought just had to be a Theta. But I found there is much more to Carol Daley. As president of the Arlington Alumnae Club, she attended the 1992 Grand Convention, where we became better acquainted. Coincidentally, Carol had received her undergraduate and master's degrees in management information systems, the degree I was pursuing. As Convention came to an end, Carol handed me her business card and made me promise to call if I ever needed help finding a job.

I knew exactly where I had put her business card, and I was going to use it. After practicing what I was going to say a hundred times, I called Carol in early June of this year. I was praying that she would remember who I was. She did and

promised to help me find a job. Two weeks later, not only had she set up three interviews, but I was staying at her house, keeping her up all hours of the night as she helped me prepare for the dreaded interviews. Even her husband helped out. On July 19th, I began my first day of work.

Remembering this made me think that being an alumna couldn't be all that bad. There were many other wonderful women I'd met at Convention, whom I greatly admire. They have never quit giving their time, devotion and love to Theta. They help guide young women through rush year after year, raise money for charity and volunteer for the international organization. Many, like Carol, go the extra mile to personally help another Theta.

I am now a member of the Arlington Club, where Carol is still president. I am an Auntie Alum for a new member from Arlington, who attends Texas Christian University. Additionally, I have met numerous women of all ages through the organization and have even become friends with several women my age. I have watched this club support each other through personal tragedies and illnesses, rejoice in the birth of a baby girl (I mean, a prospective Theta), raise money for CASA and donate time to the TCU chapter.

Theta is for a lifetime. You will always find a friendly face in Theta. It is a wonderful organization, but as I have learned, you get from it what you put into it. I could never compare the friendships I made in the Alpha Theta Chapter, and I will always have wonderful memories of college, but I am confident that there are many more awaiting me. Thank you Carol for being such a wonderful role model. I hope that I, too, will be able to give to another Theta what you have given to me.

*by Angela Robinson
Arlington, Texas Club*



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Soul Support

One of our Theta alumnae members, Mark K. (Kate) Kluberton Williams/Nava, received a most welcome, "personal touch" from Theta as recipient of the Theta's Betty B. and James B. Lambert Scholarship.

Kate, a 1976 initiate of Alpha Xi/Oregon Chapter, has been pursuing her MBA since 1989. With a career involving a family transfer, extensive business travel and two young sons, her life was full. Then, in 1992, Kate received an early diagnosis of breast cancer, requiring chemotherapy and radiation. While on a business trip, an emergency appendectomy put her in the hospital. More recently there was another transfer, this time a move from San Mateo to southern California.

Through all of this, Kate was grateful for the support of her Theta sisters, but astounded to learn that eight Thetas in our alumnae group alone are also survivors of breast cancer. Kate took a course to become a certified breast self-examina-

tion instructor and is an active participant in the "Reach for Recovery" program.

Because of Kate's enormous medical expenses, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's assistance has been welcome in meeting expenses for her MBA. Kate was inspired by the generosity of the Lamberts. Her dedication to helping others has been strengthened through her Theta ties, as well as through prayer.

*by Joyce Beames
San Mateo County, Calif. Chapter*

Alumna Links Success to Theta

As a television health reporter in Atlanta, Ga., Kay Flowers knows the value of Theta membership. From the examples set by her Gamma Delta sisters, to the Thetas she meets on the job, Flowers connects her success to her experiences in Theta.

"Theta gave me a sense of home and a place in school," explains Flowers. "And the women leaders in my chapter inspired me. Watching officers give reports during chapter meetings influenced me to believe that I could do it, and

my experience as an officer helped me begin a communications oriented

career."

Flowers began reporting at WSAV-TV in Savannah, Ga., upon graduation in 1983. She quickly moved to the NBC affiliate in Greenville, S.C., where she first gained experience as a health reporter. Three years later, Flowers returned to her native Georgia to join Atlanta NBC-affiliate. For five years, she has brought health news to the millions of viewers in Atlanta and throughout Georgia.

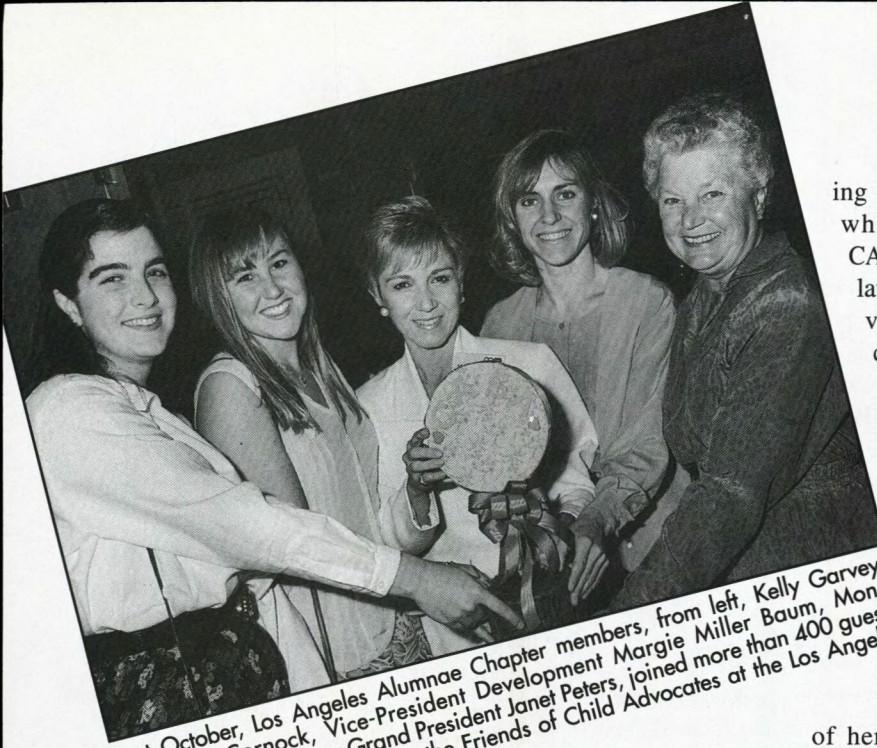
Says Flowers, "In this business reporters move around a lot. Many of my colleagues don't have the extended family of women in each city to join and, again, have a sense of home and place. That's important and I am glad for it."

Flowers continues to be inspired by the Thetas she meets through her work. Often Greek membership comes up in conversation, and she says, "When it does and I meet another Theta, I feel an instant connection. I know there is something special about them."

*by Carrie Dieterle
Atlanta, Ga. Chapter*

Seventy-four-year Theta Beatrice "Beatsie" Challis, Omega/UC-Berkeley, shared her views on life, laughter and what it means to be a Theta at the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter's 1993 Founders Day Brunch. As guest speaker for the celebration, the now 92-year-old Challis captured the group's attention with her surprise opening—sporting Groucho glasses, complete with funny nose and mustache! The engaging alumna is pictured here, joking with Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter President Jennifer Hans Fagnani, Gamma Chi/Fresno State.





Last October, Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter members, from left, Kelly Garvey, Alyssa McCornock, Vice-President Development Margie Miller Baum, Mona McCartney and former Grand President Janet Peters, joined more than 400 guests in a "friend-raising" event for the Friends of Child Advocates at the Los Angeles Hilton.

L.A. Alumnae Contribute to CASA Success

Los Angeles Theta alumna and newly appointed Vice-President Development Margie Miller Baum, Beta Epsilon/Beta Delta, served as the chairperson of the 10th Annual Friends of Child Advocates Public Affairs "Friend-Raising" Luncheon, held October 28 in the Los Angeles Hilton's Pacific Ballroom. The luncheon is held each year to increase the public's awareness of children's advocacy issues.

"My experience with Friends of Child Advocates has been inspiring," Baum says. "I now realize what a tremendous difference one person can make in positively affecting the lives of children in the dependency court system of Los Angeles."

Baum, along with former Grand President Janet Peters and Los Angeles alumnae members Kelly Garvey, Gamma Theta/Carnegie-Mellon; Mona McCartney, Beta Xi/UCLA; and Alyssa McCornock, Beta Xi/UCLA, joined more than 400 guests in the "friend-raising" event for the Friends of Child Advocates.

McCartney used her computer background to manage reservations and seat-

ing for the event, which included CASA volunteers, lawyers, judges, volunteers and corporate sponsors. "I am extremely proud to be affiliated with an organization as impressive as CASA,"

McCartney says

of her experience.

Garvey and McCornock combined their creative talents to design and make new table decorations for the event. "I worked with the local child advocate program while I was in college," says Garvey. "And it's great to have the opportunity to work with the program again, now that I'm an alumna in California."

Carole Gibson, executive director of Friends of Child Advocates, says, "The luncheon successfully accomplished our mission to heighten the public's awareness of current child advocacy issues. "The continued support and involvement of the women in the Los Angeles alumnae chapter make events like this a reality."

Friends of Child Advocates is a non-profit organization that supports the best interests of abused and neglected children by funding the work of the Child Advocate volunteers and staff under the jurisdiction of the Dependency Court of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

by Jennifer Fagnani
Los Angeles, Calif. Chapter

Theta Value Remains Constant

We, members of the Birmingham, Michigan Alumnae Chapter, think first of Theta as a constant in our lives. While different family and career phases of our lives come and go, Theta is still there.

When our members are in the "young, just out of college and interested in their

careers and/or young children stage," they gravitate to our evening group as an outside source of interest and companionship. Our afternoon meetings generally attract a somewhat older Theta, who enjoys having lunch with friends and the benefit of an entertaining or enlightening program. Some also come for just a quick bite, a friendly hello, and then dash back to work. Then there is our networking program, which attracts working Thetas and Thetas new to the area, who just want to meet for dinner and socializing. These women often end up joining one of the other groups.

Theta's value to the women in all of our groups is multi-faceted. Our alumnae activities connect us with a time in our lives that was very meaningful -- the collegiate years. It gives us a base group through which we can accomplish worthwhile objectives, such as our contributions to Camp Oakland, our local and national contributions to CASA, our financial support of District III college chapters and our generous support of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. And, of course, it allows us to keep old Theta friendships and develop new ones.

That kind of value doesn't change much through the years. However, the role of women in society has changed dramatically, making it much more difficult to keep the organization going. So many more women are working outside the home, that it is increasingly difficult to get volunteers for alumnae chapter offices and jobs. Because many of us are less willing to spend as much time on alumnae chapter activities, it seems that some changes are in order. On the home front, we are trying to streamline our fund raising by consolidating it into one major event that does not take a lot of time, except perhaps on the part of the two chairmen. And we would suggest that the paperwork expected of us be streamlined also. Just as Theta has changed to accommodate the new generation of college women, she must change to meet the new generation of alumnae.

by Betty Britton
Birmingham, Michigan Chapter



Memorial to Friendship

Last September, our good friend and Theta sister Nancy Derdick died unexpectedly.

The Way-Outs, a Seattle Alumnae Chapter sub-group (so called because the members live "way-out" of Seattle) decided to commemorate Nancy's life with a memorial service and decided to use the newly-formed service guide created by Suzanne Woodruff. Suzanne had just completed writing this version upon request of the Fraternity alumnae committee. It has been distributed to college and alumnae chapters.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 17—a gorgeous autumn day—20 Thetas met at Peg Chaney's lovely home, overlooking Puget Sound, and paid their respects to Nancy.

Suzanne said it meant so much to her to lead us in this service, not only because she had authored the format, but because Nancy was so very special to her. Suzanne could "hardly contain herself" while reading the words she had written, since Nancy was someone she knew so well, but she managed to get through somehow. Later Suzanne said that a memorial like this serves a purpose for us all to remember not only the one who has departed, but as a reminder of the love and caring friendships we have been privileged to enjoy through our Theta experience.

Stacie Becker, who was also in attendance that day, says, "It was a peaceful time for remembering our beloved sister—a friend whose "light" meant so much to so many members of Theta."

After reciting the preamble and moral code, we shared picture albums and stories of Nancy. We all felt closer than ever to one another, knowing we have the loving companionship of Thetas who will always trust and cherish us. It was a warm, dignified tribute to Nancy, and a glowing accolade to Suzanne for her uplifting memorial service.

by Ann Watts
Seattle, Wash. Chapter

Seattle alumnae Claudia Scholz Ebling, Merlene Johnson Lemaster and Ann Willard Watts gather to remember Nancy Derdick

Member Contributors to Chapter and Foundation

For many years Connie Venable, Beta Iota/University of Colorado, has been a loyal member of the New York City Alumnae Chapter, which celebrated its 100th year as a chapter on Founders Day, 1994. Connie, a talented graphic designer who has worked in public relations and advertising, was also a founding member of the first board of trustees of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Her involvement and contributions to both our chapter and the Foundation's growth and development has been consistent and substantial, and her opinions on our chapter are greatly respected.

When asked about her involvement with Theta as an alumna, Connie remarks, "Nearly all of my friends are Thetas! Although it wasn't planned that way, it's just turned out that way." In Connie's early years as an alumna, as is still true today, the New York City Alumnae Chapter was filled with recent graduates who moved to the Big Apple for career opportunities. Connie is certain that our chapter was the first to develop a career networking group, as early as 1962. Today, many of our members in New York City are from a wide variety of locations across the country, many here to pursue their chosen careers.

In 1960, Connie was asked to attend Grand Convention in San Diego, in place of our president, Betty Lambert. As vice president of the chapter, she was excited

to go. At lunch one day during Convention, she found herself sitting across from Willie Shattuck, who was a former member of Council. When Willie discovered Connie was in public relations, she asked her if she would be interested in serving on the Foundation Board, which was to be voted on at Convention. Typically enthusiastic, Connie's response was, "Sure, why not?" She soon embarked on what turned out to be a ten-year service as a Foundation Trustee.

The Foundation's initial budget was borrowed from the Friendship Fund, a loan of \$100,000. The purpose of the Foundation was to support scholarships, the DePauw Memorial Library (which features an excellent women's collection), as well as support our major philanthropy, which at that time was the Institute of Logopedics. Although all sorts of challenges were encountered in its formative years (such as preserving the autonomy of the Foundation from the Fraternity itself and maintaining its tax-exempt status) it soon grew to be a powerful entity, responsible for such early contributions as building and maintaining a wing at the Institute of Logopedics.

Connie was the designer of the Foundation's original logo, letterhead, and print pieces, as well as writer and editor of a regular column about the Foundation's progress and projects for each issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*. She currently works as a freelance graphic designer and serves as

recording secretary of our New York City Alumnae Chapter.
by Mary Anne Connolly
New York City Chapter





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Philadelphia Alumnae Make a Difference for CASA

The Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter has had a major impact on CASA/Youth Advocates, Inc. of Delaware County since its inception more than three years ago. "This group would not be functioning today if not for the Philadelphia Thetas," says Sally Stewart, a Theta member of the CASA Board of Directors.

With hard work and a strong desire to succeed, the members of CASA have gained recognition from the court system in Delaware County, hired a very well-qualified director and trained several classes of CASA volunteers. The most impressive accomplishment for CASA has been as the recipient of a \$40,000 Pew Foundation Grant. In order to receive the second half of this grant, CASA had to raise matching funds of \$20,000. This was achieved with the assistance of Theta's Annual Golf Tournament, as well as individual donations by Thetas to the Independence Tea Party and Mystery Dinner.

Thetas can make a difference in their communities, whether through active participation in a charitable organization or through financial contributions. The Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter is proud of its positive influence on CASA/Youth Advocates, Inc. of Delaware County.

*by Jane F. Reinhard
Philadelphia, Penn. Chapter*

Enduring Friendships

Kappa Alpha Theta. As pledges, we learned that Theta was for a lifetime. Little did we understand that fact in May, 1976, when we banded together to form the Gadsden Alumnae Club. But for us, it's been almost 20 years of enduring and supportive friendships.

We came from a variety of colleges: Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Rollins, Tennessee, even Sophie Newcomb. We've gone from diapers and new



The Gadsden Alumnae Club was founded in May, 1976. Seven of the nine charter members are pictured here at their first meeting, from left: Vicki Howard, Ellen Blocker, Ann Miller, Susan Fielding, Joan Inzer, Jo Pollock and Julie Shultz.

families to menopause and emptying nests. Throughout the years, we've done everything from yard sales and holiday garland fund raisers, in our younger, more energetic days; to the busier years, when we unanimously voted, "Let's just write a check and skip the fund-raiser this year!"

One of our most enduring and productive accomplishments was initiated in May, 1978, when the Gadsden alumnae obtained the names of other sorority members in our area (from the National Panhellenic Conference) and got in touch with them to organize the first Panhellenic in Gadsden! Today, the Theta-nourished Etowah County Panhellenic is alive and still providing information about sororities to high school seniors. Summer teas and Christmas coffees have provided social interaction among the "future pledges," collegians, alumnae and moms.

Gadsden alumnae have also planted pansies at our local library, donated to our local university chapters, given flowers to our new pledges, hosted mother-daughter holiday parties, sent representatives to attend Convention in Nashville, had husband-wife socials (Yes, all of us are still married to the original models!), hosted rush functions and tried to keep an open and vibrant attitude on the trends of the '80s and '90s as our first batch of daughters and granddaughters became college age.

However, the most significant and positive impact on each of us (Seven of

the original nine charter members are still active.) is the lesson that we learned long ago: A Theta is a sister, someone who supports you, respects you and helps you to grow, as we have from our teeny-weeny 20s to the fat-free 40s and up! We're excited to be a Club that still contributes!

*by Ellen Blocker
(brainstormed by the Gadsden alumnae)
Gadsden, Ala. Club*

Panhellenic Spirit

St. Louis is fortunate to count among its members alumnae who have contributed to the value of Kappa Alpha Theta by serving in many capacities: as Foundation, international and district officers; as advisory board and house corporation board presidents; and as elves at Santa's House for 21 years. The positive influence of their Theta membership is felt by our chapter as well as by the alumnae, collegians and children of St. Louis with whom they have come in contact.

Since her initiation into Alpha Iota Chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, Jackie Petersen Bollinger has not only made a significant impact on Kappa Alpha Theta, but also on the St. Louis Panhellenic community. As the first Theta member of a truly Panhellenic family, Jackie served her pledge class as Panhel delegate and her chapter as rush chair and



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Jackie Petersen Bollinger (third from right) was joined by fellow members of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter at a tea honoring Bollinger's presidency of the St. Louis Panhellenic, recently named runner-up for the most outstanding chapter nationwide.



Marion Van Epps Hahn,
Gamma Lambda/Beloit

junior Panhel president. As an alumna, she returned to Alpha Iota as rush adviser and a member of its house corporation.

The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter has benefited from her vision and insight. She has served in many capacities including Founders Day, philanthropy, and Flaming Festival chairman, many positions on our Santa's House Committee, and five years as head of the greater St. Louis Rush Board. St. Louis Panhellenic has profited by her presence for six years. She has organized Sorority Spotlight, "Going Greek in the '90s," which was established to educate senior high school women about the Greek system, and the St. Louis master file, which provides information for any Panhellenic chapter on any rushee on record. She has served their board as treasurer, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, vice president. Now, as president, she is in the process of implementing the recommendations of her chapter evaluation made as vice president.

Throughout her years of service, Jackie has remained a strong advocate of the Greek system. Of Theta, she once wrote, "Our chain of friendship is strong. Our kite flies high, and the spirit and enthusiasm of Theta is evident!" St. Louis congratulates Jackie Petersen Bollinger for her positive alumnae perspective and is proud to call her sister!

*by Patsy Buskirk Madinger
St. Louis, Mo. Chapter*

Theta for a Lifetime

Go to Florida to retire? Not Marion Van Epps Hahn, Gamma Lambda/Beloit College!

Marion was chapter president at Beloit, which started her on the road to long-time Theta involvement. Before she and her husband, John, left Sheboygan, Wis. she got the local alumnae together and started an informal group. Arriving in Florida in 1981, she once again sought out the local Thetas.

The west coast of Florida, from south of Tampa Bay to Englewood at the south end of Sarasota County, boasts more than 300 alumnae members. Marion single-handedly wrote the alumnae club bylaws, has written a history of the club—which celebrated its 25th year in 1992—and watches over a special member who is in a nursing home and has no family in the area. She has been president of the club several times. Marion says this is her last year in office, but she has agreed to stay on (forever, we hope) with her wonderful computer to keep our mailing lists up to date.

Without any specific projects, the Manatee/Sarasota group manages to contribute to local philanthropy, including Guardian Ad Litem, as well as the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and the Friendship Fund, and provides friendship, love and careful thought for all. The club meets monthly from October through May, celebrates Founders Day and hosts a Christmas Brunch for our local college members, their mothers and sisters. Above all, it bears out the ideal of "Theta for a lifetime," as most of us have already lived a lifetime! We are trying to interest

some of our non-retired members to get together informally, so they will keep Theta's kite flying high over the beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

Marion is a most earnest, faithful and enthusiastic member of Kappa Alpha Theta, and is also involved in AAUW, the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Panhellenic, her church, a condominium association and a newly formed Women's Resource Center for Manatee County.

*by Sally Hughes
Sarasota and Manatee Counties,
Fla. Club*

Heels, Wheels & Deals

This is "strictly fun," but all of these alliances and hobbies started with Theta:

Heels: Donna Davis, a 50-year Theta from Beta Gamma Chapter/Colorado State, came in first in her class walking the Colorado Run 5K. (Of course, she showed her heels to the rest of her 75 and over class. She was the only entrant!)

Wheels: Every September for the past several years, five Theta alumnae get together to bike in the Vail-Breckenridge area. Nancy Phillips comes from Washington D.C., Mimi Reid from Tucson, Ariz., and Judy Andersen, Ruth Brown and Tedi Cox from Ft. Collins. Last September the wheels ground slowly up to the top of Vail Pass, taking 4 hours, but flashed quickly down in 45 minutes.

Deals: A Theta bridge group, that had its beginnings in college, has continued faithfully since the early 1950s. Today a few Kappas have joined the ranks of Thetas Margaret Batson, Margaret Ann Bangert, Pat Markley, Shirley Gausman, and Bobbie Burch. Happy deals to you!
*by Nancy Reade
Ft. Collins, Colo. Chapter*



Theta Helps Be Your Best

We have all probably been asked many times, "What does Theta mean to you?", or "What's being in a sorority like?" For me, those questions came most often while I was in college. My first few years I was frustrated by those questions. Theta meant so much to me, but I couldn't put it into words. I felt Theta had changed my life, but I couldn't explain how.

The answer came to me, as corny as it may sound, in a song from a rush skit. The line was "Suddenly Theta has showed me I can learn how to be more the girl that's inside me. With sweet understanding, Theta is my friend." That line summed up what I had been trying to say for years. Theta helped me to be more of the person that was inside me all along. My leadership skills, assertiveness and ability to communicate were all brought out through my Theta activities. Had I not been a Theta, there would have been no one to bring out those qualities in me.

I feel I can say that being a Theta helped me get my job. To most people, that might mean that I was hired by a Theta or a sorority alumna. The reality is that I was hired by an all-male committee in a male dominated industry. However, I was told later that one of the committee members was married to a sorority woman. He believed that sorority women possess many of the qualities the company tries to instill in their employees, such as the ability to run a meeting, direct activities and communicate with various types of people. Theta gave me an edge over the other applicants. I know that many of the skills I have used in my job were ones I learned through Theta experiences.

It is most amazing to me that an ideal held by four women in 1870 still holds so true today. They wanted to give women the same opportunities that men had. They fought great adversity to develop an organization to help women be better and to grow socially, intellectually and morally. I think our founders would be proud that today, in the 1990s, although Theta has grown and changed, it is still helping

women achieve those same goals.

So, if anyone ever asks you what Theta means to you, or what being in a sorority is like, remember how Theta has touched all of our lives. For more than 120 years, Theta has helped women be better employees, supervisors, mothers, wives, daughters and people.

by Kristy Polston
Houston-Northwest, Texas Chapter

Theta Means Giving

The Portland Alumnae Chapter has had the privilege for the past 18 years of sponsoring Santa's House at Alpenrose Dairy. Alpenrose Dairy is a family-run dairy in Portland, Oregon, that has developed a rapport with the community that is incredible. Alpenrose has 62 acres that they have developed into recreation for the public, including baseball fields for little league, a velodrome, a western town to poke around in, the little britches rodeo, pony rides and more. Alpenrose, at no expense to us, allows the Thetas to transform the western town into a Christmas Village, which coordinates with their baby animal Story Book Lane. Alpenrose also provides sleigh rides and opens its movie house for old time movies.

The Portland Thetas turn the Alpenrose Ice Cream Parlor into Santa's House, which is open the first three weekends in December. We have two Santas and charge for pictures with Santa. We also open and staff a bake shop, gift shop and concessions booth. The community looks forward to this wonderful family outing, and we are constantly thanked and asked how we can pull this off year after year. With the number of alumnae in the work force these days, it is getting tougher and tougher to get volunteers. It is a tremendous undertaking for our alumnae, families, friends and others in the community people who volunteer time. Last year we totaled more than 2,000 volunteer hours on this project alone. We thank Jane Brown for her years as operations chairman.

We feel blessed to have Alpenrose give us this opportunity from which the chapter makes between \$20,000 and \$25,000 every Christmas season. In

turn, we give this money back to local charities, including CASA, Tri-County Respite, Infant Hearing, White Shield, and Exchange Club Center for the Protection of Child Abuse. We are very proud of the charitable reputation we have established and think that we have grown closer as Thetas through this experience. We feel "Theta" has become synonymous with "giving" in our community.

by Louise Grant
Portland, Ore. Chapter

Shaping Livelihood and Life

Theta helped shape Heidi McHugh Pendleton's livelihood—and her life. Not only has it provided her with role models and support (both personal and financial), but also it has strengthened the bond of sisterhood with her sister, Deirdre McHugh. Both were initiated into Omega Chapter at the University of California, Berkeley.

Today Pendleton is an assistant professor of occupational therapy at San Jose State University, where she teaches physical disabilities and is field work coordinator. At the same time, she is a Ph.D. candidate in occupational science at the University of Southern California. She is writing her dissertation on the role friendship plays in the lives of women with disabilities who are aging.

The role Theta friendship has played in Pendleton's life began three decades ago. She was introduced to Theta by well-known architect Julia Maser. "I was a baby sitter for her sons and admired her numerous accomplishments and her fun, outgoing personality," Pendleton recalls. "I remember sitting in her living room looking through her yearbooks and finding her pictures with the Theta (chapter) house. I wanted to emulate her and was thrilled when she offered to write a recommendation for me. There is not a significant accomplishment in my life that goes by without my thinking of Julia Maser and the inspiration she gave me to achieve."

And Pendleton is an achiever. Since 1972, she has helped children and adults with physical disabilities resume productive lives. But she wanted to go a step beyond and teach occupational therapy classes. So she earned a master of occupa-



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tional therapy degree in 1986. Not content to stop there, she began the pursuit of a Ph.D.

USC was so interested in having Pendleton in the first class of occupational science doctorates that classes were rearranged for her convenience. For three years, she commuted between Los Angeles and Palo Alto, where she lives with her husband, Forrest Pendleton. Monday through Wednesday, she taught at San Jose State; Thursday local concerns as well as Theta.

The chairman of Junior Cotillion hires a local teacher for instruction, and Theta alumnae and parents chaperon each dance. The students learn several dances including the waltz, fox trot, jitterbug and even the cha cha. The sessions are held for six consecutive Friday nights in the mid-winter months. Each class lasts about an hour and a half, including a light refreshment break. Prizes are awarded at the last class for special dance categories.

Junior Cotillion involves many of our alumnae members. They are needed to help chaperon the dances, serve refreshments, help compile the list of seventh grade students, help with mailings and make name tags.

In 1993, 85 students attended Junior Cotillion (tuition was \$25 per student), which resulted in a profit last year of \$1527. The proceeds from this successful project are directed 50 percent to community programs that support needy children and 50 percent to Theta-related activities, including CASA, the local college chapter house and its scholarship fund.

The seventh grade students are offered an enjoyable, refreshing activity and the opportunity to meet students from other schools, while learning a valuable lifetime skill. Based on the feedback from both parents and children this project provides a unique and needed service to our community, and we are very proud to provide it.

by Mary Smith
Lincoln, Neb. Chapter

Theta Helps Theta

In the past, the Omaha Alumnae Chapter has supported the CASA Program of Sarpy County with monetary donations. Funds are earmarked and acknowledged as Kappa Alpha Theta donations, and often are used to cover basic administration needs.

This year when the Omaha alumnae asked what we could do for the program, Theta gave back to one of its own. Our donation was the sponsorship of a CASA volunteer to the National CASA Association's convention in Des Moines, Iowa: Barbara Bosley Ferguson, Rho/Nebraska, a member of the Sarpy County Program Board of Directors.

Barbara has been involved with the local CASA program for more than two years. First hearing of CASA through an article in *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, it was of special interest to Barbara, who is pursuing a law degree in juvenile law. Kappa Alpha Theta's involvement in CASA and its relevance to Barbara's career has made Theta more relevant to her. She says she is very proud of the Omaha Alumnae Chapter's sponsorship of her convention attendance, and feels pride whenever Theta makes a donation.

The CASA convention provided speakers and workshops on juvenile justice. Also important to Barbara was

information on board building and problems of organizations. Barbara had the opportunity to meet another Theta who is active in CASA and who serves on the national CASA board of directors.

The CASA program of Sarpy County serves from 25 to 30 families, using 30 to 40 volunteers. The program is always in need of high quality people. Although the time commitment is great, it is possible for people with full-time employment to be involved. Volunteers can work in pairs to compliment each other.

Currently, Barbara is the only Theta involved in the Sarpy County program. We hope to have her speak to the Omaha alumnae at a future meeting to discuss her convention experience and help us understand how we can also donate our time to CASA.
by Sara B. Cox
Omaha, Neb. Chapter

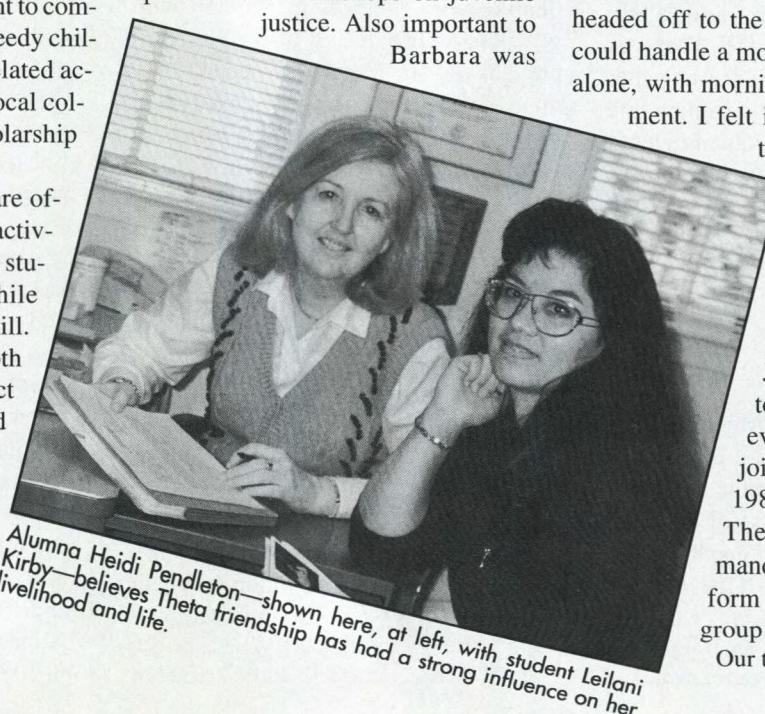
Theta to the Rescue!

Moving from one city to another is hectic, traumatic, exhilarating and scary. During two major moves, Thetas have been my lifeline!

It was exciting to relocate 800 miles with my husband when he accepted a job in St. Louis in 1981. We hugged our Virginia Theta friends and family members and headed off to the Midwest. We knew we could handle a move! Then I found myself alone, with morning sickness, in an apartment. I felt insecure and very tentative. I had no pregnant friends, because I had no friends yet.

Thetas to the rescue! I felt better after the first phone call from a lovely alumna named Janne Niemoeller. I began to attend St. Louis Theta events and was invited to join the executive board in 1983. It was fun to juggle Theta jobs around the demands of a baby, and I helped form a "toddler moms" play group of local alumnae.

Our ten years in St. Louis were



Alumna Heidi Pendleton—shown here, at left, with student Leilani Kirby—believes Theta friendship has had a strong influence on her livelihood and life.



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satisfying and busy. The St. Louis chapter members will always have a special place in my Theta heart. They are a unique group of wonderfully diverse women, and my years with them were deeply rewarding. My memories are as vivid as my collegiate memories from William and Mary in the early '70s.

I thought "my St. Louis Theta glow" was unusual, and I told myself that the same warmth and camaraderie would be impossible to find elsewhere. Wrong! When we moved last year to Moline, Ill., I called the area alumnae, and I could feel that "tug on the kite strings" again.

I offered my newly-decorated home for a luncheon meeting. The Theta alumnae that filled my living room were indeed as vibrant, diverse and unique as my dear friends in St. Louis. Again, Thetas rescued me from days of solitude in a new home. It's a special intangible bond—a Theta life jacket!

Now, I'm president of the Quad Cities Alumnae Club. I'm impressed with the efficient and prompt handling of my questions by the alumnae district president and membership chairmen of Iowa and Illinois. This is a first-class fraternity and I am so proud to be a Theta.

Local alumna Jane Schultze said at our luncheon, "In all my moves as an adult, I always find a church and the Thetas as soon as I unpack!" I agree. I consider that aspect of Theta membership -- the network of twin-starred women eager to rescue the new kid in town -- as one of our best treasures.

*by Mary Jordan Conway
Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois Club*

Remembering Nancy Abbey

When Nancy Cochran Abbey died in October, after a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer, one of the brightest stars in the Theta universe dimmed. Her influence shone from Dallas, through District XII, and throughout the Fraternity as a whole. She had served as Beta Sigma's advisory board chairman and

Dallas' recommendation board chairman and alumnae chapter president, as well as college district president and international director of advisory boards.

Nancy Abbey personified the heart of Theta. It's impossible to sum up in a few words a friendship with her. Nancy made me do a lot of things I thought I didn't want to do. She made me serve on the Theta recommendation board when I didn't know anybody from Dallas. She made me be her co-chairman for manpower for the Theta Showhouse, when I hate to call people and ask them to do things. And she made me help her be Showhouse Shoppe chairman when we had to deal with consignment artists who made crocheted slippers and dolls that fit over your toaster.

But then, I'm not alone. One minute after finding out that a new acquaintance was a Theta, Nancy had a way of involving her in the latest project. Nearly all the Thetas in Dallas for the last 25 years have had Nancy Abbey's firm hand pressed into their backs, convincing them that, "Yes, we could do that, and what's more, it's going to be fun!" And we found we could do it and it almost always was fun.

From her late night calls to brag about the wonderful girls who pledged Theta at Oklahoma, to her confident manner of dealing with the occasional chapter/adviser problem; from her wise humor in dealing with the college women who were quarreling during rush ("Remember that you are all going to need bridesmaids!"), to her encouragement and pride when the same women won the Founders Award; Nancy lived and breathed Theta.

This last rush at Texas, Nancy kept up with all the details as she lay in bed, exhausted from chemotherapy and the demands of her beloved estate sale business.

Nancy Abbey's devotion to Theta was fully reciprocated. When she got sick, calls came in

from all over "Thetadom" with advice, offers of help, names of doctors and ideas for treatment, prayers, cards, flowers and love. Nancy's Theta sisters drove her to her doctor appointments, cheered the good news, sympathized with the bad, took meals to her family, did errands, held her hand and mourned her death.

The crowd at Nancy's memorial service at Highland Park Presbyterian Church reflected her influence. Collegians from SMU sat alongside 50-year Thetas. Mothers of daughters for whom Nancy had written recommendations or letters stood with international officers. Her life touched us all. When we say "Theta for a Lifetime," this is what we mean.

"She would have done the same for me," the family and friends heard over and over. And she would have. She was a confidante, mentor, boss, joker, mother, sister, inspiration and friend. But most of all, she was a teacher of what Theta sisterhood is all about. We miss her terribly.
*by Nancy Egan
Dallas, Texas Chapter*

Albright Gives Back to Theta

"Never, ever, can I give back to Theta what she has done for me. Just when I think I'm getting caught up, along comes something else wonderful." The words are those of Connie Deal Albright, Kappa/Kansas, Denver's long-time area rush reference coordinator.

Connie "caught the Theta bug" when she attended the 1970 Grand Convention. "I was overwhelmed at the quality of the women — their minds, their hearts, their visions," she remembers. "I just thought they'd be everyday housewives like me!" It was at Convention that she met former Grand President Norma Jorgensen, one of two Thetas who have served as her inspiration through the years. "Norma is so together, so well-organized, and she spent more time listening than anything else. That was very impressive to me," Connie marvels.

Her other alumna role model is former Grand Vice-President alumnae Mary Brandriff, whom she met at the Denver Alumnae Chapter's centennial celebration. "Whew!" Connie laughs. "Mary





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knocks your socks off — she's so sweet and smart and fun, and so intensely interested in everybody. And she never forgets a name."

Although Connie may be surprised, her echelon of Theta friends will tell you she emulates Norma and Mary very well, dispensing her own special brand of Theta love in every job she tackles. It was after her service as Denver chapter president and as District XVI alumnae district president that the genesis for Connie's rush work began.

When daughter, Stephanie, went to the University of Kansas, Connie confessed she was "...terrified for her to go through rush." Two Theta friends, Nan Mosby Thompson, Kappa/Kansas, and Jackie Murphy Kremers, Rho/Nebraska, came to her rescue. "Just get us the information," they said, "and we'll take care of it." Later, long after Stephanie pledged Theta, Connie realized what an enormous weight had been taken off her shoulders. Because of her friends' work, Stephanie had been supplied with an introduction to every group on the Kansas campus.

"I resolved right then to try somehow to do for other Theta legacies what had been done for my daughter," Connie said. Shortly after becoming the area rush coordinator, she developed what is now known as the Denver Legacy Policy.

Former Alumnae District President Carolyn Miller Cusick, Beta Iota, presented the policy to alumnae and collegians at a Leadership Conference, pointing out that it was a positive way to deal with the "legacy problem."

"The first thing that has to happen," Connie emphasized, "is that the Theta whose relative is going through rush must contact me. When the Theta has given Connie information on her legacy, she then contacts local Panhellenic alumnae whose sororities have chapters on the young woman's campus.

"What it does for a mother, a grandmother, or a sister is amazing," Connie noted. "It softens the hurt if she is dropped. It takes away the, 'Why didn't you do something?' syndrome. It eliminates the angry phone calls. Instead, there is a feeling of gratitude that Theta supported her daughter's desire to do what was best for her whether or not it meant

becoming a Theta."

Today, despite the fact that her multiple sclerosis is worsening, Connie continues to serve as Denver's area rush coordinator. She delights in saying, "One of the wonderful things about Theta is that no one is ever eliminated because she might have a problem. Thetas accept Thetas for what they are—warts and all—and for that, I am eternally grateful."

A multitude of Denver alumnae are equally grateful to Connie for her years of service. In 1985, she was named Denver's "Theta of the Year," an honor she says she is still "...trying to uphold!"

by Nancy Gupton Aitken
Denver, Colo. Chapter

Alumnae Impact Arts

The involvement of local Thetas in the arts has had a significant impact on the Toledo Museum of Art as well as the Toledo arts community.

Twenty alumnae members have cumulatively given more than 175 years of service to the arts in Toledo. Their creative abilities, leadership roles and extensive volunteer commitments have boosted the stature of the Toledo Museum of Art and expanded the scope of the arts in Toledo.

Today Toledo's art museum is ranked as one of the top ten museums in the country, and was recently chosen as one of two sites in the United States to host a major national exhibition, "The Age of Rubens," a collection of more than 270 paintings. In conjunction with the exhibit, Thetas were honored on Founders Day, February 5, 1994. Toastmistress Nancy Fairhurst, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan, currently an honorary trustee of the Toledo Museum of Art, recognized the many contributions of these alumnae:

Sandra Wisely, Tau/Northwestern, a former trustee of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo for 16 years, is currently a Toledo Museum of Art trustee and board member of the Toledo Botanical Gardens. **Margy Trumbull**, Alpha Psi/Lawrence, is past president of the Toledo Modern Art Group and active on the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo.

Veteran docents **Valerie Wiley**, Eta/Michigan; **Jacqueline Yocom**, Alpha Psi/Lawrence; and **Ruth Meyers**, Tau/Northwestern, docent president; have collec-

tively given guided tours and gallery talks for more than 35 years.

The Toledo Art Museum Aides, organized as goodwill ambassadors for the Museum, was founded by Marge Hunter in 1957, who served as their first president, succeeded by Ruth Meyers. **Penny Staelin**, Alpha/DePauw, served as Aides membership chairman and is currently president. Other Theta Aides include: **Ann Sawyer**, Beta Tau/Denison; **Jacquey Yocom**, **Joan Arnos**, Eta/Michigan; **Jan Waltz**, Beta Rho/Duke; **Suzanne Petti**, Eta/Michigan; **Jean MacMillan**, Alpha Pi/North Dakota; Margy Trumbull, Penny Staelin, Sandra Wiseley and Nancy Fairhurst.

Professionally, two Thetas have made significant contributions to the TMA. **Barbara Van Vleet**, Alpha Chi/Purdue, has been the museum's public relations office for 14 years in addition to serving as president of the Toledo Modern Art Group. Marge Hunter served on the Museum staff for seven years as coordinator of extension services and manager of membership and endowment development.

Cynthia Galbraith, Eta/Michigan, a ceramics teacher, has been a student of glassblowing at TMA for the last 20 years. **Martha Marsh**, Gamma deuteron, and **Sue Brown**, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, have together obtained more than 100 new museum memberships in the past 20 years. **Sally Sitzenstock**, Beta Iota/Colorado College, has served as chairman of Arts & Antiques for St. John's High School Auction for 11 years and chairman of arts and antiques for PBS Channel 30 for 14 years. **Mary Ellen Pisanelli**, Lambda/Vermont, has been a major patron for the Black and White Ball, sponsored by the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and participates in "The Contemporaries," a group of Museum members under the age of 49. **Dorothy Bryan**, Gamma deuteron, a renowned artist and recovered cancer patient, has published a book of her art, "Chemo Art," which she created during her months of chemotherapy.

by Jacquey Yocom
Toledo, Ohio Chapter



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Theta tradition is alive and well in Ginger Boynton's family. The third-generation Theta, who also has "lots of aunts and cousins" who are Thetas, has shared not only Theta heritage with her daughter Pat Boynton Frey, but also the title of Fraternity convention manager. After several years as assistant, Boynton became manager in 1962 and continued to serve until 1971. When daughter Pat managed her first convention in 1984, Boynton was there to cheer her on. "I thought she did a great job," she says with pride.

Boynton has also shared her love of Theta with husband, Bud, who has his own printing brokerage business. "He has adopted Theta and DePauw," explains Boynton. "He likes them and they like him!" Through a \$25,000 gift of stock to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, the Boyntons have established the Virginia Boynton Graduate Scholarship, to be awarded beginning in June, 1995 and annually thereafter. Says Boynton of their contribution, "We have two grandchildren in college and we see the expenses. Anyone going to graduate school needs help. My family and I have received so much from Theta. We wanted to give something back."



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SHE MEANS BUSINESS

Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Barbara Hackman Franklin, Beta Phi/Penn State, is an internationally recognized leader in business, management, corporate governance and trade.



Barbara Hackman Franklin has attended literally thousands of business meetings. In fact, business *is* her business.

But this wasn't any ordinary meeting. Seated on one side of the table was Franklin, then the United States Secretary of Commerce. Across from her, Russian President Boris Yeltsin. The two were at the center of a roomful of business people from Russia and the U.S. who were to be matched according to their interests.

Says Franklin, "It was one of the most exciting things. We couldn't get anybody to go home!"

That business summit, which President Bush asked Franklin to "pull together" in the summer of 1992, was just one highlight of Franklin's term as the 29th U.S. Secretary of Com-

merce, which she completed with the close of the Bush administration.

Franklin focused the Com-

merce department's 14 agencies, three billion dollar budget and 36,500 employees on providing economic growth and

In June, 1992, Secretary Franklin led a delegation of U.S. business people who met with Russian President Boris Yeltsin to discuss what his country could do to encourage additional U.S. investments in Russia.

jobs via a seven point plan for American competitiveness.

"Commerce, not guns and tanks, is where the competition is today," explains Franklin. "Commerce is the new front line."

The front line is a position with which Franklin is familiar. Since her early years—a very traditional upbringing in Lancaster County, Penn., "but with a father who was not so traditional"—she has been a leader.

In 1962, Franklin graduated with distinction from Penn State, where she was Beta Phi

Chapter president, president of Mortar Board and named outstanding senior. She was one of the first women to earn an MBA from Harvard Business School and, in 1964, graduated as one of 14 women in a class of 625.

Franklin went on to build a career as an internationally recognized leader in business, management, corporate governance and trade, beginning at the Singer Company in New York. Later she became assistant vice president at Citibank, where she created the first government relations department, and, in 1984, Franklin founded her own consulting firm.

It was on a different front line that Franklin's government service was launched. In 1971 she was appointed by President Nixon to direct the first program ever initiated by the White House to recruit women for high-level jobs in government. Franklin recalls her first press conference in the White House, where she says she was "taken apart limb-by-limb."

"I was 31 years old and completely unprepared for the political arena because I had only been in business. I didn't realize I had stepped right into the middle of a political issue. I was serious about doing this job of placing women."

That uncomfortable experience only strengthened Franklin's resolve to succeed. She explains, "When you realize that this big spotlight is on you, as a young person unaccustomed to any of this, it's shocking. That's how we all learn...I got very determined after that press conference." Typically, Franklin was up to the challenge. Under her direction, the program resulted in tripling the number of women in top appointive jobs, many which women had never held.

In 1973, Franklin was nominated and confirmed as one of



President Bush visits with Secretary Franklin in her office at the Department of Commerce before the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award ceremony in December 1992.

the first commissioners of the newly-forming U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. She was the last Nixon White House staff person to be confirmed by the Senate. It was the Watergate era and had she remained in the White House longer, her career may have been very different. "It was a very poisonous time. It's not a very happy part of our history," says Franklin.

After six years on the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Franklin left with a keener understanding of how to deal with power, and the satisfaction of knowing that three of the five Commission seats were held by women. It was a time of triumph for women, but Franklin found herself in crisis as she began the first of several transitions she has made between government service and the private sector.

"They are two different worlds," explains Franklin. "Every time you go back and

forth, there's a readjustment. Even if you think you're prepared for it, it's still an adjustment."

Because ethics rules prohibited her from pursuing many business options for a year after leaving the Commission, Franklin accepted a position on the faculty of the Wharton School of Business as a senior fellow. Although the position was an honor, Franklin found it difficult to adjust to the loss of power, structure and income.

"The stark reality is that one day you're sitting there in this wonderful place with a cast of thousands around and the next day, nothing...There is a decompression that has to take place because the abrupt loss of everything you've had—the position, the power—happens overnight. But you have to get used to it."

The situation was made worse by the fact that Franklin's father, who she describes as "my staunchest sup-

porter" was ill and, as she neared her 40th birthday, she says she was experiencing "some biological guilt" about not having children.

What got Franklin through that time was lots of exercise and the support of friends -- "mostly women."

Franklin is a believer in the support of women. "I think that groups of women, whether they're fraternity groups or whatever, can be very mutually reinforcing and satisfying. I think Theta can do an awful lot to help those who belong as undergraduates, and then after school, to really fulfill themselves as best they can...I tend to focus more on serious things than I do on social things, but I think that making these kinds of friends can be very motivating."

Franklin credits her Theta undergraduate experience with helping her meet the challenges she faced as one of the small group of women attending Harvard Business School shortly after it opened its doors to women. "I went from a sorority situation at Penn State that was really positive, with good people and good friendships, to the other extreme, which was Harvard Business School. There was no group, and no such friendships, and there was a lot of hostility. I think the fact that I had the previous experience really helped me survive without more emotional scars."

Her memory of those years at Harvard Business School provides Franklin with empathy for the women who sought sisterhood by founding Kappa Alpha Theta's Zeta Xi Chapter, located on the Harvard-Radcliffe campus. "If instead of having a supportive group of women at Penn State, I'd been more isolated, I'm not sure I would have fared as well at Harvard later," explains Franklin. "I think whatever the

sorority can do to help prepare women for what they're going to face is important. I know there's some mentoring going on and that's all to the good."

Although there was no formal mentoring when Franklin was a collegian, she recalls a couple women who influenced her. One was Dorothy Lipp, the Dean of Women at Penn State when Franklin was an undergraduate, who nominated her for a full scholarship at Harvard Business School. "Dorothy Lipp was really into women doing whatever they wanted and she didn't mind getting cross-wise with folks around campus on behalf of women."

But without hesitation, Franklin says her greatest support came from her father, a superintendent of schools. "Father always had a healthy respect for women who did things," she says. "His view was, 'You can do anything you want to and I'll help you if I can. But one thing. Do it well.'"

That message motivated Franklin to achieve at a high level and is reflected in the accomplishments of which she is most proud. "At the Commerce Department we pushed on quality," says Franklin. "There really is a quality movement in this country. I did some things to enhance the Malcolm Baldrige Award, which has become sort of the Nobel Prize for quality in business. It is funded largely by the private sector and is a great government/business partnership."

Franklin is also pleased with the Department's work in support of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which was passed by Congress in November, 1993. "Commerce was the backbone of the negotiating effort," she says.

Last year, Franklin did extensive public speaking in support of NAFTA. "I am strongly and urgently pro-NAFTA and have

been for as long as there's been a NAFTA...More trade equals more economic growth. More trade and more U.S. exports—which is what trade is all about—equal more jobs." In addition, Franklin says that many recent economic reforms in Latin America—the fastest growing export market for the U.S.—have been based on the free trade agreement. She explains, "Passage of NAFTA sends the message to the rest of the world that we are not turn-

"You got a real sense of the euphoria that the Cold War was finally going to be over...I came away more optimistic than probably one should have."

But Franklin continues to be optimistic. Her experiences have provided her with a window on the world and, from her vantage point, she sees a world of new opportunities for global growth and prosperity. "The world community has mushroomed. All these countries, now absent the Cold War, have

astonishing, not only in a career sense, but to put together a lifestyle that is new and different," says Franklin. "I think there's a lot more flexibility and not as much social pressure to do it one way or another. The choices for younger women come down to not so much 'What's open to me?', which was my generation, but 'What do I really want to do?'"

"We have pockets of resistance. It's not perfect out there. But we do tend to forget that there is not a country in the world where I could have done what I have...It's a great time in this country to be a woman. My advice is to go for it. Be honest with yourself about what you want to do and then go for it."

Franklin is in the process of following her own advice. After a sabbatical with her husband, Wallace Barnes, she is "doing more things that are fun," and taking stock. "My current challenge is what to do next," she told the students at the University of Virginia.

The possibilities are considerable. Franklin serves on the board of directors of three large corporations, maintains an office in Washington, D.C. and has contemplated reopening her consulting firm. (She thinks running a small business is one of the most difficult things she's ever done.) Although some of her options are strictly business, others are a mixture of public policy and business. "And then there's the whole political side," Franklin adds.

She doesn't have any announcements to make for the moment, but one thing's certain: Whatever she chooses to do, Barbara Franklin means business!

by Susan Holloway, Editor

"It is my right to be uncommon if I can. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build; to fail and to succeed. I will not trade freedom for anything. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud, and unafraid; to think and to act for myself; to enjoy the benefits of my creation and to face the world and say, this is who I am and this is what I have done."

—anonymous woman

ing inward, we are not going backward."

That is unthinkable for someone as forward-thinking and global-minded as Franklin. "I just find the world a terribly interesting place, and I wish more Americans did too," she says. "The whole idea of foreign and domestic is just out of date. The world really needs to be looked at in a global sense now."

Initially, Franklin says her views were expanded through her work on internationalizing standards while at the Consumer Product Safety Commission. But her global perspective was shaped considerably in 1989 when she was appointed public delegate to the United Nations General Assembly. "That was when the Berlin Wall came down," says Franklin.

nothing to focus on except economic growth and they all want a piece of it. So trade liberalization through the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) is really the next big part that would stimulate more trade and, again, more economic growth."

Franklin also sees a positive outlook for women. "The opportunities for women today are better than they have ever been," she told a group of young people at the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia last March. She cites three major reasons for her optimism: demographics (more women in the work force); the pace of change, which brings with it new opportunities; and the increasing need for leaders.

"I think the opportunities are

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When you were in college

As an alumna

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